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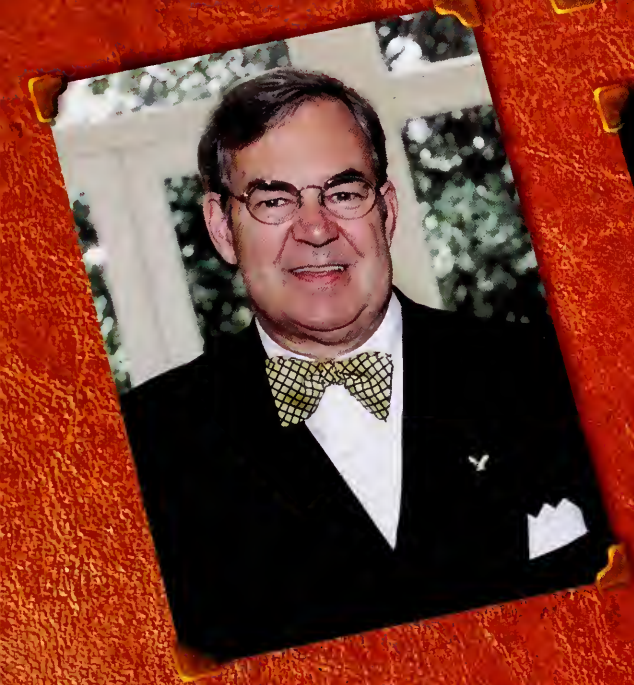

Chronicle of a Presidency

Celebrating William M. Anderson Jr.'s 20th Anniversary

Transition to University Status Under Way

BY TERESA JOERGER MANNIX '01

Mary Washington College will become the University of Mary Washington on July 1, 2004. The Virginia General Assembly recently overwhelmingly approved the legislation, and the governor signed the bill, making the change official.

So, what's next? A university implementation committee is identifying all of the ways in which the new university name will be applied throughout the institution and is working with a Baltimore design firm on new graphic standards for the University. These will be the guidelines to design future University publications, letterhead, the Web site and more. Many people are asking what future diplomas, logos and bookstore items will look like. The committee will be exploring these issues in the coming months and obtaining answers from the president and the Board of Visitors as these policy decisions are made.

MWC's evolution to university status has been at a measured and steady pace for more than a decade. In the early 1990s, the state government asked all Virginia public colleges and universities to find ways to accommodate thousands of additional students that would be entering the higher educational system in the future. Rather than expand the size of the small liberal arts campus in Fredericksburg, the Board of Visitors decided to add a second campus for graduate and professional studies in nearby Stafford County.

The James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies opened in 1999 and has experienced phenomenal growth ever since. Currently, there are more than 800 students enrolled in degree programs and credit coursework in addition to more than 1,000 who take non-credit courses. Construction of the campus' second building will begin later this year.

With the addition of the center's MBA and M.Ed. programs, Mary Washington College was reclassified in 2002 by The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching as a master's level university, and in 2004, *U.S. News & World Report* recognized Mary Washington College as sixth in the South in the "Best Universities — Master's" category.

The addition of the University of Mary Washington name will provide the structure necessary for a university-level administration, while ensuring that the individuality of each campus is maintained. This particular name was chosen as a way to preserve the College's past — and the Mary Washington name — while also reflecting the present reality that the institution's mission has broadened to include graduate and professional studies. The name is designed to enhance the institution's growing prestige and national reputation, while maintaining the small-college feel of the undergraduate liberal arts program and the regional commitment to adult and non-traditional students at the James Monroe Center.

For updates on the implementation of the University of Mary Washington name or for additional information about the transition to university status, go to www.mwc.edu/university, or call the Office of College Relations at (540) 654-1055.

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CHRONICLE OF A PRESIDENCY

Celebrating William M. Anderson Jr.'s 20th Anniversary

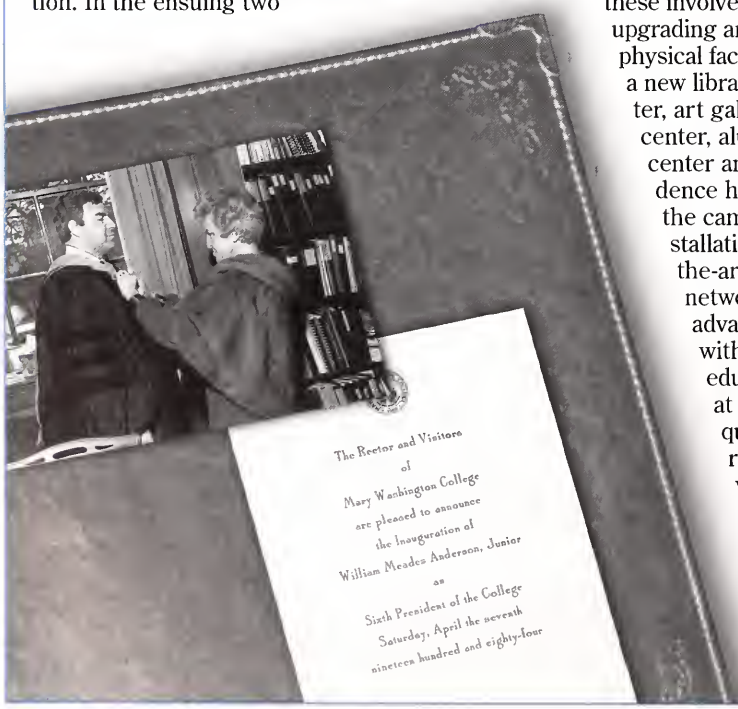
BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

Upon his inauguration as President of Mary Washington College in 1984, 42-year-old William M. Anderson Jr. became the youngest chief executive among all the leaders of Virginia's public colleges and universities. Now, 20 years later, he is the most senior of those officials in time of service.

In the intervening years, Anderson has presided over a period of remarkable change, as the institution has improved in quality, expanded in mission and risen in visibility — all the while, at his insistence, remaining true to the College's traditional emphasis on excellence in the liberal arts and sciences.

Inheriting an institution whose academic reputation was already well-established, but whose potential for greatness, he believed, was not yet realized, Anderson first turned his attention to long-range planning. In so doing, he involved as broad a range of the institution's constituency as possible. The result was a visionary 1985 document titled "Commitment to Excellence: An Agenda for Action in the 80s and Beyond," a proposal that called for change in almost every aspect of the institution. In the ensuing two decades, the major provisions of the plan, together with other significant initiatives, have been implemented.

Current Rector Dori G. Eglevsky, third from left, was joined by past rectors in honoring President Anderson. Left to right: Rita M. Stone, Vincent A. DiBenedetto III, Eglevsky, Kathleen S. Mehfoud, Florian N. "Red" Hofer, Anderson, Paul A. Dresser Jr. and Virginia L. Dalton. In the 1984 photo, bottom left, Virginia Anderson helps her son prepare for his inauguration.

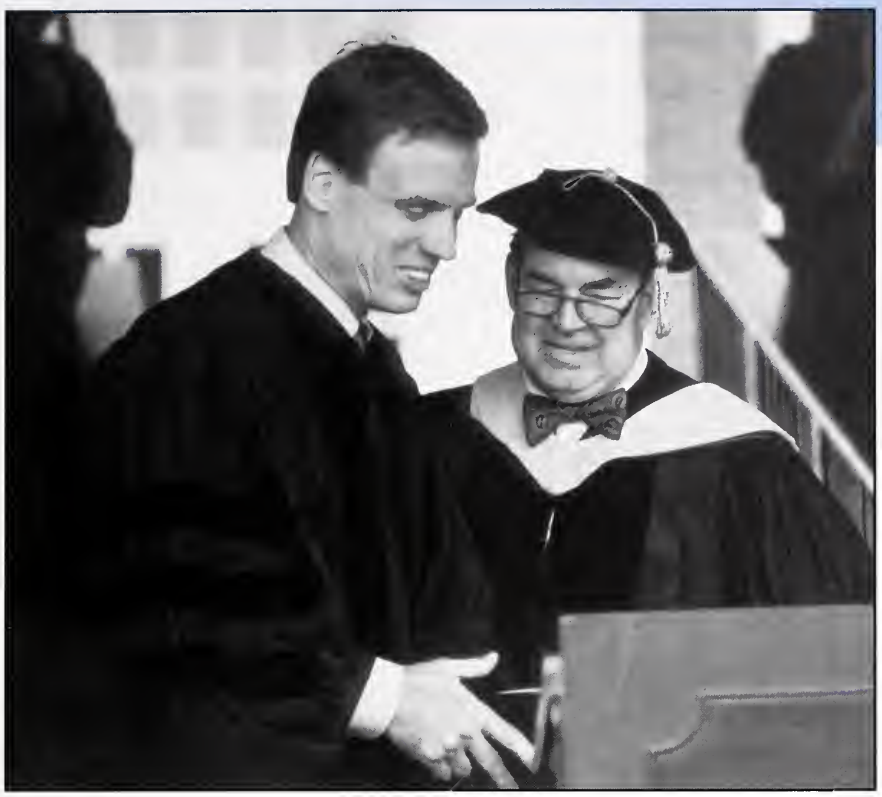


The most tangible among these involve the substantial upgrading and expansion of physical facilities including a new library, student center, art gallery, science center, alumni executive center and three residence halls, as well as the campus-wide installation of a state-of-the-art fiber-optic network, the most advanced of its kind within the Virginia educational system at the time. The quality of student residential life was further enhanced by the 2003 acquisition of the Marye's Heights apartment complex that provides a convenient option for off-campus living close to the central campus.

Anderson was also instrumental in securing a state appropriation of more than $4 million to fund the restoration and expansion of Gari Melchers' original studio at Belmont. The work will include a new wing that will feature a multi-purpose room for public programs that opens onto the gardens and connects to the studio galleries.

Moreover, in response to growing student emphasis upon fitness, athletic facilities have been expanded to include a new baseball stadium, fitness center and outdoor tennis courts, with indoor courts currently being built.

Construction has made the campus not only more functional, but more beautiful as well. Literally central to that development is Campus Walk, built in 1986 and subsequently adorned with such focal points as the Monroe Hall and Jepson Hall fountains, the Palmieri Plaza, the Kalnen Court, the James Farmer Memorial and the Phi Beta Kappa Key. The appearance of the campus has proven important for reasons both aesthetic and practical, as students often



Gov. Mark Warner, speaker for MWC's Commencement 2004, accepted praise from Dr. Anderson.

cite the beauty of the surroundings as a major feature in attracting them to Mary Washington.

Though less visible than the capital expansion, the enhancement of the academic programs has constituted a major element in the College's advancement during the Anderson presidency. Such improvements are evident in several areas, including the broadening of academic opportunities with the introduction of a master's degree program in elementary education, the development of a new major in environmental science, and the creation of the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies.

The curriculum has been strengthened through the implementation of innovative across-the-curriculum requirements in writing, speaking, race and gender, the environment and global awareness, as well as by the establishment of a competency requirement in technology. The President has also been particularly active in encouraging the development of the speech program, including the formation of an intercollegiate debate team that has garnered nationwide recognition.

Recognizing the importance of faculty research even at an institution where primary emphasis has traditionally been placed on classroom teaching, Anderson redirected priorities sufficiently to allocate more funds for sabbaticals that promote and support increased professional development. In addition, he was instrumental in securing the funds to establish the Jepson Fellowships for younger faculty and to create the James Farmer Visiting Professorship in Human Rights.

The sum of such achievements has been a steady rise in the College's image and academic reputation, a development that has attracted greater numbers of applications from ever-improving students. The resulting increase in selectivity has enabled the further elevation of academic rigor, a process that has generated acclaim from the nation's most respected guides to education such as Barron's *Best Buys in College Education* and *The Fiske Guide to Colleges.*

Aside from his primary emphasis on academic excellence, another important element of Anderson's plan for the College has involved increased interaction with the local community. This has involved a wide range of initiatives at various levels. At the student level, for example, he instigated the formation in 1992 of the Community Outreach and Resources program, a vehicle through which more than 30 percent of the student body contributed an aggregate 16,444 hours of service to the community during the past academic year. (Training in this kind of civic participation may help to explain why the College ranks in the top 20 nationally in number of graduates who enter the Peace Corps.)

Anderson has also worked consistently to improve relations with the community by either initiating or expanding programs that make the resources and facilities of the institution more accessible, and inviting, to the public. Among

As the processional for Commencement 2004 began, President Anderson was unexpectedly greeted by his daughters: Mason Booth, on the left, and Harper Dawson.

Dori G. Eglevsky, rector of the MWC Board of Visitors, shared a laugh with Dr. Anderson during an April Board toast to the President's 20 years of leadership.

such efforts is the 70-member Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra, which has expanded substantially in both size and quality under his stewardship, and the Fredericksburg Forum, his own initiative, which brings to campus nationally prominent scholars and performers for the benefit of students and townspeople alike.

Particularly noteworthy in terms of outreach have been Anderson's efforts to create beneficial ties to the local business community. He himself has been an active member of the regional Chamber of Commerce, having served as its president, and at his suggestion, the College periodically sponsors a Business Leaders Breakfast with a visiting Executive-in-Residence. In addition, the College has created a Small Business Development Center to support economic development in the area by providing innovative business ideas.

It was Anderson's concern for the area residents' welfare — academic, economic and cultural — that prompted perhaps the most ambitious and farsighted initiative of his presidency: the establishment in 1999 of what is now known as the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. Located on a separate campus several miles from the main residential College, the James Monroe Center complements the liberal arts curriculum of the traditional College by providing degree, certificate and non-degree programs to meet the needs of the rapidly expanding workforce in the Washington-Richmond corridor. The phenomenal growth in the Center's enrollment — an average of 30 percent increase each year — bears witness to the accuracy of Anderson's belief that the College has an obligation to serve the needs of its constituency beyond those of the traditional undergraduate clientele.

In acknowledgment of the College's expanded mission, Anderson began several years ago to advocate the institution's move to university status. That effort came to fruition when the General Assembly of Virginia in March approved legislation which stipulates that the institution, as of July 1, 2004, will become the University of Mary Washington.

While such accomplishments would be remarkable under any circumstances, they testify even more greatly to Anderson's leadership in that they were attained during times of serious cutbacks in state funding. In such situations, where less skillful management might have brought institutional stagnation, he was able to devise creative strategies for the allocation of available funds that enabled the College not merely to survive, but to progress.

Crucial to this success was Anderson's exceptional ability to generate both public and private financial support for the College. Even in times of constricted state budgets, his persuasive presence in Richmond making the College's case before the legislature was instrumental in assuring that Mary Washington's interests were always met to the greatest extent feasible.

Even so, the institution might have foundered had it not been for Anderson's efforts in securing an extraordinary increase in private funds. During his 20 years as President, the College's endowment has grown 20-fold, from $1 million in 1984 to its current value of $20 million; the rate of donor participation from alumni ranks among the highest in the nation; and the College has secured several gifts of more than $1 million.

While taking justifiable pride in such accomplishments, Anderson, consistent with his nature, is more inclined to look toward the future than to bask in the present. He anticipates looming challenges and potential opportunities. Chief among the former, he says, is the continuing need to upgrade salaries. "The biggest disappointment of my tenure," he admits, "is that we simply haven't been able to provide our people with the level of compensation that the quality of their work and their dedication warrants."

At the same time, he is eagerly anticipating the development of a number of projects, citing in particular the recent groundbreaking for the indoor tennis center, imminent renovations to Lee and Goolrick Halls, and design work for a capacious convocation center and parking deck on the main campus, as well as a second building at the James Monroe Center. His enthusiasm clearly undiminished after two decades as President, he says with characteristic conviction, "It's a great time to be a part of Mary Washington College. And the best is yet to come."

Thus as the College — soon to be University — approaches its 100th anniversary in 2008, it is poised to begin its second century with the prospect of a vibrant future. That it has reached this enviable position is largely due to the dynamic and creative leadership of Dr. William M. Anderson Jr., a tireless promoter of the institution to which he has been so passionately devoted.

Such lofty status could hardly have been achieved without the vision he projected and the energy he invested, both in his own endeavors and in inspiring others to contribute toward the fulfillment of that vision.

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Garrison KEILLOR

BY W. GARDNER CAMPBELL

The Last of the Song and Dance Men

How do you hypnotize a chicken? If you were at the March 23, 2004, Fredericksburg Forum, you know the answer: You stroke its forehead. If you do it right, you can put hypnotized yardbirds in a line and knock them over like dominoes.

If you want to hypnotize an audience, write a song for them in which their town is mentioned prominently. Be sure to feature adventurous rhymes like "Academy/ahead o' me." For best results, execute a little dance step as part of the refrain. Then launch without pause into an hour of superb storytelling ranging from Paris in 2004 to Minnesota in the 1950s, from a crazed school bus driver to an uncanny aunt to a naked camp master in flight. The spell is irresistible and just a little bit worrisome.

Is it fair to put a crowd into a trance by stroking their foreheads with tales about your kin, friends and acquaintances? Garrison Keillor says, "writers are without ethics where material is concerned."

While Keillor tells yet another funny story, Forum moderator Charles W. Sydnor Jr. chuckles.

Keillor's performance at the Forum was equal parts radio show, vaudeville, stand-up comedy and sermon. He has one of the most magnificent voices in the Western Hemisphere — and he knows it. Sometimes his voice has fur, sometimes feathers, and sometimes jowls. He can convey the insistence of a child and the gravity of a church elder. He is especially good at evoking a sense of ongoing discovery, as if he's both telling the story and wondering how it will turn out all at the same time.

To take but one striking example from an evening full of them, Keillor's memory of his Aunt Eva, the chicken hypnotist who could also stand on her head while swimming in the river, became a reverie of love, wisdom, courage and poetry. Deep within the moment, Keillor suddenly recited a poem by e.e. cummings: "since feeling is first." The sense of being surprised by the strength of the past was palpable in the room. A few moments later, the reverie fading, Keillor recalled another moment from adolescence in which his "carnal impulses were awake and dressed and waiting for the bus to come."

That kind of pendulum swing between the spirit and the flesh characterized the entire evening, right down to the giddy climax of the Flight of Mr. Bulger. By the end, Keillor himself seemed ready to defy gravity, and every heart in the house was lighter than when the evening had begun — lighter, and perhaps wiser as well. For although Keillor is too modest to admit it, his performance, his writing, and his extraordinary career as host, chief architect and centerpiece of Minnesota Public Radio's *A Prairie Home Companion* all have wisdom as their object.

Keillor himself is wise enough to know that wisdom comes through many doors: laughter, tears, memory and the present moment. Wisdom can come through a little crystal radio. Wisdom can come in Nashville, Tenn., where the Grand Ole Opry inspired Keillor to create *A Prairie Home Companion*.

During the question-and-answer period, one member of the audience asked Keillor to name his favorite poets. The most interesting part of Keillor's response was his description of the poet Mary Oliver. Keillor praised Oliver for being "an unassuming person" who took menial labor instead of a more intellectually demanding job so she would not be "distracted from her calling." Suddenly Keillor recited one of his favorite Oliver poems, a lyric called "Wild Geese." Then he paused a moment. "I love that poem because Oliver has the courage to say something unmistakably clear," he said.

Keillor has that courage, too. His stories moralize, but their moralizing is complex, fraught with human frailty, charged with wonder.

As a humorist and a philosopher, a writer and a radio personality, Keillor has come to terms with his vocation. And thereby hangs a tale.

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One Singular Sensation!

Hamlisch Concert Kicks Off April Celebrity Series In Style

BY DR. KEVIN P. BARTRAM

The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra concluded its 2003-04 season April 20, with guest artist Marvin Hamlisch. The largest crowd of the year filled Dodd Auditorium and was treated to a remarkable evening with one of Broadway's brightest stars. The maestro performed on the piano and conducted the orchestra in many of his own compositions. Some faculty and administrators remarked that this "was not only the best orchestra concert [they] have attended at Mary Washington College, but the finest MWC event of any kind."

Following introductions, Hamlisch conducted a "Tribute to Cole Porter." This medley of great 1930s show tunes demonstrated the emerging genre of the American musical theater. Hamlisch then segued to modern theater with "All I Ask of You" from Andrew Lloyd-Webber's "Phantom of the Opera." Tenor soloist Stephen Lehew, himself a Broadway star, gave an exquisite and moving rendition.

Hamlisch joked, "We'll be doing a song from 'Phantom of the Opera,' and you're probably thinking, 'so what?'"

Audience member John Hathaway remarked, "My expectations of a predictable standard were blown away within the first few lines. This was the finest rendition of that song I have ever heard."

Hamlisch interacted with the crowd during a set he called "Rent A Composer." He asked for extemporaneous song titles from the audience. One gentleman yelled back, "I Used to be a Yankee." Remarkably, Hamlisch created a hilarious full-length song from that title, ending with a joke about eating ice cream at Carl's!

In 1974, Hamlisch won three Oscars: two for "The Way We Were," and one for "The Sting." He described the former as his "lucky song." Anytime that you have a legend like Barbra Streisand sing your song, "count yourself lucky," he said. The last set of the first half featured both scores, and included his music from the movie "Ice Castles."

At the beginning of the second half, Hamlisch passed the baton to me so that I could conduct "Pucciniana," a medley of arias from the great Italian opera composer Giacomo Puccini. Following more audience banter, Hamlisch created a humorous set of piano variations on "Happy Birthday" and then moved to his signature work, "A Chorus Line," which the orchestra performed beautifully.

Singer Lehew returned to the stage for "One Song," which I conducted, while Hamlisch provided piano accompaniment. The song was inspired by a trip to India, Hamlisch remarked, "and is an anthem for all nations." With all the tragedy in the world today, he explained, "this song delivers a message of brotherhood and unity." The show-stopping performance concluded with a ballad encore, and a reprise of "The Way We Were."

Marvin Hamlisch, singer Stephen Lehew, and the orchestra were in top form. In rehearsals, Hamlisch treated the orchestra like the National Symphony. He was tough, but he knew exactly what he wanted. Anytime you have the opportunity to make music with a talent like him, you've got to step up. The college-community orchestra really came through.

Hamlisch truly enjoyed working with the orchestra. He was surprised to learn that only two faculty members played in the group, and that most of the orchestra was comprised of non-music majors. "In a time when most places are cutting orchestra programs, it's evident that the arts are very strong at Mary Washington College." He added, "I have really enjoyed the southern hospitality here. You don't get that feeling up in New York."

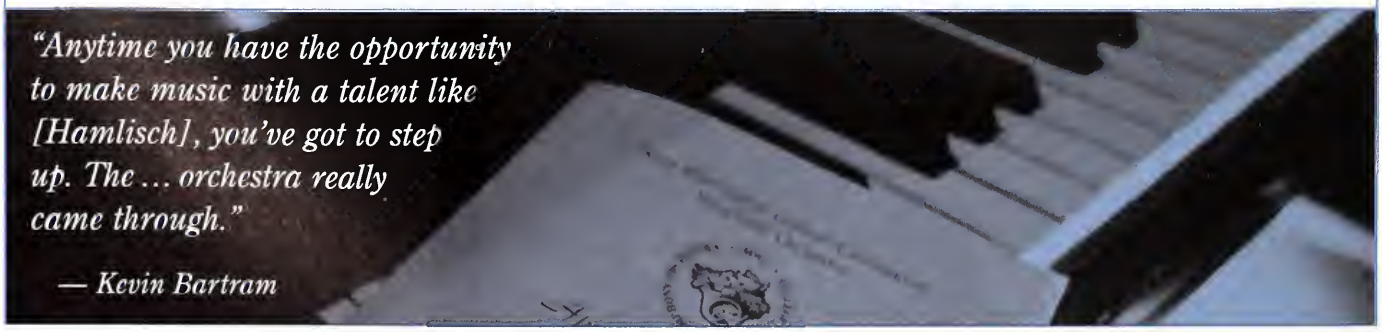
Dr. Kevin P. Bartram is assistant professor of music at Mary Washington College and conductor of the MWC-Community Symphony Orchestra.

Art of the Audition

Earlier on the day of his appearance, Hamlisch presented "The Art of the Audition," in which he critiqued several music theater students before a public audience.

Left to right: Laura Yanez, Bill Shute, Patrick McClure, Marvin Hamlisch

Behind the scenes at Art of the Audition, left to right: Dr. Kevin P. Bartram, Dr. Stephen J. Burton, Jillian Locklear, Jon Reynolds Jr., Laura Yanez, Marvin Hamlisch, Roger Reynolds, Patrick McClure.



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— Kevin Bartram

MILITARY MAKE THE GRADE AT JMC

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Keywauna L. Hall has paid a few dues during her 17-year rise through the enlisted ranks. Now, she is reaping a much-deserved reward.

As one of the few and the proud to be handpicked for a Marine Corps degree-completion program, Hall received a bachelor's degree from MWC's James Monroe Center in May.

Hall is among a growing number of military personnel finding that JMC can help them meet their goal of finishing their bachelor's degree. With JMC located about 50 miles south of Washington, D.C., the Center is well-positioned to attract military stationed at installations throughout the region.

"The Marine Corps will benefit from what I learned at JMC, and it's been great for my family," said Hall, a mother of two and wife of an active-duty Marine now in Iraq. "Everybody wins."

Until last year, Hall, 35, worked during the day and took college courses at night at Quantico Marine Corps Base and at a community college. Juggling work, studies and parenting young children was "kind of stressful," Hall said.

She applied to the Marine Corps' Staff Non-commissioned Officer Degree Completion Program, which permits selected personnel to finish bachelor's degrees as paid duty assignments. An elated Hall learned of her acceptance by the program board last summer. "It's a wonderful opportunity to concentrate on your studies and complete your degree," Hall said.

Her good news arrived around the time her husband, 1st Sgt. Peter A. Hall, received transfer orders to Camp Pendleton in California. Keywauna Hall could have transferred to a college in California, but "I wanted to graduate here because of the reputation of Mary Washington College."

So Hall accelerated her studies. She vowed to complete the Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) degree in nine months instead of the 18 months allowed by the Marine Corps. By graduating in May, she and her children, ages 6 and 7, could relocate from suburban Fredericksburg to southern California in time for the new school year.

To finish early, Hall gained permission to carry 22 academic credits — an overload — in spring 2004. "[JMC] helped me through this whole process and made things

easier," Hall said. "They went above and beyond to let me do this."

World events intervened over the winter. Soon after Hall's husband settled in California, he learned that he was headed to Iraq. In February, he began a seven-month deployment, ruling out attending his wife's graduation. "He told me, 'I'll mail you a graduation gift,'" Keywauna Hall said.

That gift could be his scheduled return this fall. By then, Keywauna will have begun her three-year payback tour. Her next assignment in financial management and auditing will put her JMC coursework to good use. "I'll get work experience in what I studied," she said. "The Marine Corps will gain from what I bring back. It's a win-win situation."

The Marine Corps program is similar to highly competitive degree-completion programs that other military services offer to mid-career or higher non-commissioned officers and warrant officers.

Coast Guard Lt. Perry Sproul flies around the world to upgrade communication systems aboard Coast Guard ships. He has traveled to every state, plus Guam, Europe and the Middle East during his current four-year assignment. The job takes him away from his wife and kids about three weeks each month.

But come this fall, his duty assignment will keep him closer to home in Fredericksburg. He'll attend James Monroe Center, where he will have two years to finish his bachelor's degree under the Coast Guard's degree-completion program.

"I am very excited that all the hard work and the long periods of time away from home are being rewarded," said Sproul, 38.

An 18-year Coast Guard veteran, Sproul worked his way up the enlisted ranks. He was commissioned an officer and recently promoted to lieutenant. "The higher you move up the rank structure, the tougher it gets," Sproul said. "Completing my degree will allow continued growth during my final years of service and help position me for life after the Coast Guard."

As the Coast Guard's high frequency data exchange project officer, Sproul and his team configure and install new communication systems and software aboard ships. He'll have another four-year obligation once he completes his BPS degree with a concentration in computer technology.

"There are many talented people in the Coast Guard, and I am honored to be the top guy selected," he said. "The two-year college program is very tough to get."

The application process itself was tough. Sproul was on a Coast Guard cutter when he completed the voluminous paperwork required for the Coast Guard Advanced Degree Program. He received help via e-mail and phone from Elizabeth P. Harper, Associate Dean of Admissions for Adult Programs.

"This is a lot more difficult than just applying to college," Harper said. "We do a lot of upfront work with these students. It's challenging, but worth it. These people are being given a wonderful opportunity. They're so eager and motivated. They're very capable or they wouldn't have been accepted into the military program."

Harper evaluates accumulated credits to confirm that the required minimum, at least, are accepted for transfer. Harper also prepares a schedule for the military showing how the students will finish within the prescribed time frame.

JMC provides a good fit for these military students, Harper said, because the six-credit undergraduate courses accelerate degree completion. Plus, JMC professors establish a two-year projected year-round course schedule — and adhere to it. "We work really hard with these students and make a commitment that they will finish in the agreed-upon time frame."

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Coast Guard Lt. Perry Sproul

JMC ALLOWS ARMY VET TO BE ALL HE CAN BE

Jerome Walker, retired Army chief warrant officer, talks with Associate Dean of Admissions Elizabeth P. Harper.

The world was Jerome Walker's classroom during his 30-year Army career. He served in Asia, South America and Europe as well as stateside. Whenever he could, Walker seized opportunities to further his education.

Yet even though Walker and his wife helped put their daughter through college and graduate school, a diploma of his own remained elusive. When he retired as a chief warrant officer last fall, he knew he could realize his longtime dream.

"The bottom line is that I've always wanted the degree," said Walker, 49. "When you're always moving, it's hard to attend college. It's been a long road. I'm an old soldier. You end up taking courses in different places. Hopefully some transfer."

Walker has accumulated credits from numerous colleges and universities over the years. Following his retirement, he yearned for a fresh start and checked out many local schools. But when he began attending traditional classes with younger fellow students, he made a discovery: "I didn't exactly fit in the way I thought I should have. The questions in the classroom were about things I've already experienced in my life."

JMC to the rescue. Walker enrolled there in January, and fit right in. "I am not a loner in the classroom. I'm with other people who have experience in the world." he said. Since JMC's curriculum is designed for adults, Walker said, "I'm in class with people who speak the same language.

"So far I've enjoyed every class I've had and every hour in class because the adult learning environment is better. That was a key thing — to give me that nourishment," said Walker, who is pursuing a BPS degree with a concentration in leadership and management.

"If I was two classes away from finishing my degree, I still would take this path because of the camaraderie and having classes with people that I can relate to."

Christine J. Neuberger is news information and publications coordinator at the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies.

Have you been thinking about going back to school? Why not return to a place you know and love? The James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies continues the MWC tradition of high-quality education in a high-tech setting. You'll find the same outstanding faculty, small classes and individual attention that you remember from your undergraduate days, but with one significant difference — all of our programs are designed for working adults.

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DOUBLE DUTY

BY CLINT OFTEN

Ver-sa-tile (*adj.*): having many abilities or uses

If you look up the word "versatile" in the dictionary, you'll likely find a definition similar to the one above. You should also find a picture of Mary Washington College two-sport star Jon Hurd.

Hurd is an all-conference performer for both the nationally ranked basketball and baseball programs at MWC, and his various skills have escalated the two programs to unprecedented heights.

Hurd's winding road to stardom in two sports began at Middlesex High School, in Virginia's Northern Neck, where he was a district most valuable player in basketball and two-time all-state pick in baseball. After a standout high-school career in both sports, he decided to play baseball at Christopher Newport University in Newport News. While at CNU, Hurd led the Captains to back-to-back NCAA tournament appearances, including a third-place finish at the 2002 NCAA Division III World Series. For his part, Hurd

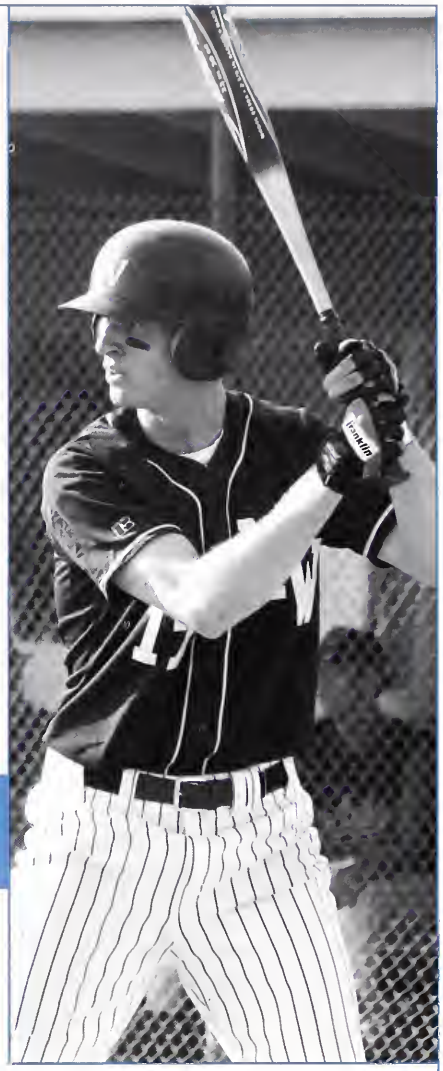
hit .367 his sophomore year at CNU, and was named most valuable player at the 2002 NCAA South Regional Tournament, hitting for the cycle against York College of Pennsylvania.

Despite all his success on the diamond, a fire still burned in Hurd to try his hand at basketball. Unfortunately, the basketball staff at CNU wasn't thrilled with the prospect of sharing Hurd's talents with the baseball team throughout the year. So Hurd, already an established star on the baseball diamond, contacted MWC head basketball coach Rod Wood about the possibility of transferring to Mary Washington with the hopes of playing both sports. "I saw a few MWC games and thought I could compete here," Hurd said, "so I called Coach Wood."

In his first year with the Eagles, Hurd brought immediate success to both Eagle teams he suited up for. As a forward on the MWC basketball team that had finished 10-16 the year before, Hurd started every game and netted 8.5 points per game as the Eagles reached a best-ever 24-5 finish, won the Capital Athletic Conference championship, and advanced to the NCAA Division III national championship tournament. After netting eight of the Eagles' first 11 points in the CAC championship win at Catholic, Hurd led the Eagles with 16 points in the team's NCAA tournament game at Alvernia College, even though he felt ill.

After the Eagles fell in the NCAA tournament, Hurd again picked up his bat and glove, and headed to Dickinson Stadium for baseball season. Although he hadn't ever played the outfield, he started in left field for the Eagles, since all-region first baseman Jay Quintana was firmly planted at first base, the position Hurd had played at CNU. "Both Jay and Jon came in and told me they'd be willing to try another position, because they both knew the high caliber of player the other was," said MWC head baseball coach Tom Sheridan. "They're both outstanding team players, and their respect for each other is indicative of their team-first attitudes."

Hurd Stands Out In Two Sports



With Hurd moving to left field and Quintana at first, MWC finished with a best ever 30-10 overall record and third-place finish at the NCAA South Regional Tournament. Hurd batted .336, and started all 37 games he suited up for, and was named all-conference at the end of the season by the league's coaches. "It was a little strange at first," said Hurd about his position switch. "I don't like being mediocre at anything, and I felt at first like I was mediocre out there."

After another successful baseball season, Hurd stayed around Fredericksburg last summer, and dedicated himself to improving his basketball skills while taking a few summer courses. "Jon worked very hard in the summer on his game," said Wood, the basketball coach. His efforts paid off this past season, as Hurd led the Eagles to a 20-8 record on the court, and led the Eagle cagers in both scoring (13.4 points per game) and rebounding (5.4 per game). His career-high 23 points helped MWC to a 70-65 win over Catholic University in January, marking the Eagles' second straight win over the Cardinals, and putting the Eagles in first place in the CAC standings, where they would remain throughout the season.

As the calendar turned to March, Hurd again headed to Dickinson Stadium, where he was immediately inserted into the starting lineup in left field, and through 14 games, batted .365 with a team-high two home runs and 13 RBI, and looked to keep the Eagle baseball program ranked in the top 25 throughout the season once more. "I feel a lot more prepared for the outfield this season," said Hurd, who hasn't committed an error since being inserted into the lineup seven games into the season.

When asked how Hurd has successfully juggled his vital role on two nationally ranked programs with demanding academics, both Wood and baseball coach Thomas Sheridan provide the same answer: Jon's desire for the team's success. "Jon keeps the team loose with his sense of humor," said Sheridan, who has coached eight MWC teams to NCAA tournament bids since 1991. "But deep down, beneath the exterior, he cares deeply. He is the first to get on himself when he isn't performing, he doesn't make excuses, and he's always trying to improve. ... That's just Jon."

Wood echoes those comments. "With the physical demands of playing two extremely competitive sports, with the academic demands on this campus, Jon's success is pretty remarkable. His leadership, as well as his desire for the team's success, makes him an integral part of our program."

Since he played two seasons of baseball at CNU, Hurd is playing his final season of baseball, but still has one year of basketball eligibility remaining. Both his coaches have seen growth this season. "I sense that Jon is more determined this season to have a great year," said Sheridan. "He thought he didn't have a good year last year, and I can see the way he's raised his work ethic to be even better this year."

Wood echoed Sheridan's comments, and looks forward to Hurd's contributions next winter. "I think the demands of playing both sports can wear anyone down. I really look forward to Jon being around for the fall workouts. His leadership impact, along with his size, strength and athletic ability, should make a marked improvement. I expect great things from him next season."

Clint Often is MWC's sports information director.

Carly Woods and Joe Packer showed off the Washington Franklin Cup to President Anderson.

Woods' Julia Burke Award earned her a unique purple crystal trophy.

MWC Student Wins National Award for Excellence and Character in Debate

Mary Washington College senior Carly Woods of Oak Harbor, Wash., was awarded the Julia Burke Award for Character and Excellence in Debate at the American Debate Association's (ADA) National Championships in March. Debaters and coaches from across the nation who participated in the national championship tournament selected Woods from among three finalists. She was presented with the award by her younger brother and debate partner, sophomore Clint Woods, at the awards banquet.

"This may be the most important annual award in intercollegiate debate," said Tim O'Donnell, director of debate and assistant professor of speech at Mary Washington College, "because it is one that recognizes that competitive success and character go hand-in-hand. Carly has managed to do both in remarkable fashion. Her record of accomplishments at MWC is unparalleled."

Over the last four years she has won two national titles at the ADA national championship tournament in 2001 and 2003 while also collecting a host of individual and team awards.

In addition to the one-of-a-kind purple crystal trophy, Woods was presented with a $1,000 check that she may designate to the charity of her choice. The trophy and the charitable contribution are made possible by the Julia Burke Foundation, which was created in 1998 to honor the memory and the causes of Burke, a high-school debater killed in a car accident. The Foundation supports initiatives in debate, organ donation, and landmine removal, among other things.

Woods has decided to split her charitable contribution between the National Breast Cancer Coalition and the Seattle Debate Foundation.

Altogether, there were 10 Mary Washington College students in action at the national tournament, several of which were recognized for exceptional individual performances. In the competition, Mary Washington College teams were successful in every division — novice, junior varsity and varsity. Freshmen Scott Berry of Canton, Conn., and William Collins of Alexandria, Va., finished ninth in the novice division, while Woods and Woods claimed ninth place in the varsity division. The best peformance of the weekend came from juniors Jennifer Golladay of Newark, Del., and Joseph Packer of Williamsburg, Va., who finished second in the junior varsity division, missing a national title by a single vote.

"From top to bottom, this was our best performance at this tournament to date because we had teams competing successfully in all three divisions," O'Donnell said.

In April, Woods and Packer teamed up to win the Washington Franklin Collegiate Challenge Debates held annually at Randolph-Macon College. They defeated teams from Boston College and Randolph-Macon to claim the Washington Franklin Cup.

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Founder of Native American Advocacy Groups Named Executive-In-Residence at MWC

Rebecca Adamson, founder and president of First Nations Development Institute, was selected to serve as Executive-in-Residence at Mary Washington College for the spring semester.

Adamson, who was on campus April 1, met with students and faculty during her day long visit, and gave a formal presentation to business leaders during a community breakfast.

Adamson's First Nations Development Institute, located in Fredericksburg, focuses on assisting tribes and native communities in controlling, creating, leveraging, utilizing and retaining their assets. A Cherokee Indian, she also is the founder of First Peoples Worldwide, an international group that takes an active role in sustaining both the land and the culture of indigenous peoples.

Adamson has worked directly with grassroots tribal communities, and has been a national advocate of local tribal issues since 1970. She holds a master of science degree in economic development from Southern New Hampshire University, where she also teaches a graduate course on indigenous economics. She is a member of the board of directors for the Calvert Social Investment Fund and Tom's of Maine, and she serves on the Calvert Group Governance Committee.

Established in 1989, Mary Washington College's Executive-in-Residence program provides students from all academic disciplines of the College the opportunity to interact with well-known and established leaders in the corporate world and enhances students' knowledge of the free enterprise system.

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BY MARGIT CHRISTENSON '05

Jack Bales, reference and humanities librarian at Simpson Library, recently had his research on novelist Kenneth Roberts indexed at the Dartmouth College Library. Between 1990 and 1993, Bales conducted extensive research on Roberts at the Dartmouth Library, and in 1994 donated his research to the institution. "The Papers of Jack Bales in the Dartmouth College Library" can be accessed online at http://diglib.dartmouth.edu/library/ead/html/ms762.html.

Paul Barron, library manager at the James Monroe Center, presented a session, titled "Advanced Web Searching for K-12 Media and Technology Specialists," at the Computers in Libraries: Internet@Schools conference sponsored by Information Today in Washington, D.C. Barron also presented a session about "Advanced Web Searching for Librarians" at the Virginia Educational Media Association regional conference held at Mary Washington College, at the Albemarle County Public Library in Charlottesville, and at the Rockbridge Regional Library in Lexington. In addition, he conducted a workshop, "Locating Web-based Educational Resources," at the WVPT National Teacher Training Institute at James Madison University and at the Virginia Society for Technology in Education annual conference in Roanoke. Barron also presented a session, titled "Using the Web for Legal Research," at the Hirschler Fleischer law firm in Richmond.

Paul Barron

Kevin Bartram, assistant professor of music, had a paper, "Lessons from a Master: Using the 'Bernstein Formula' in Music Classrooms," published as the cover article in the March issue of *Music Educators Journal*. He also conducted the Spotsylvania All-County Orchestra and judged three music festivals in Williamsburg and Virginia Beach. In addition, he was selected as a "top tier" conductor in the Cleveland Institute of Music National Workshop.

Dawn Bowen, assistant professor of geography, presented a paper, titled "The

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Amanda Craddock

James Gaines

Changing Face of Eastern Aruba," at the annual meeting of the Pioneer America Society in Bridgetown, Barbados.

Meta R. Braymer, vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the James Monroe Center faculty, was nominated and selected to participate in the 63rd National Leadership Forum for Women Leaders sponsored by the American Council on Education's Office of Women in Higher Education. The forum, held at the National Center for Higher Education in Washington, D.C., gathered established and emerging leaders in higher education to discuss challenges facing the higher education community.

Jeanne Burkett, associate dean of admissions, marketing and communications, moderated a panel discussion on the topic of "Diversity Marketing" at the 89th annual University Continuing Education Association conference in San Antonio, Texas. The discussion focused on the development of programs for minority populations and the outreach activities involved in marketing the courses at the University of Chicago, University of Wisconsin and University of Texas at Austin. She also hosted the Marketing and Publications Awards luncheon, where more than 75 awards were presented to colleges and universities for excellent marketing campaigns and publications targeted at the adult learner.

Edward A. Callaway, assistant professor of leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, had his article, titled "Bring It Home: Mitigate Performance Risk through Ongoing Performance Monitoring," published in *Contract Management*. The article describes the Core-Teck software package, which allows managers to evaluate contractor performance daily, weekly or monthly to ensure on-time delivery.

Gardner Campbell, associate professor of English, presented a paper, titled "Grateful Milton," at the biennial Conference on John Milton in Murfreesboro, Tenn. He also presented the paper "Disney's *Song of the South* Revisited" at the 2003 Literature/Film Association Conference in Towson, Md. In addition, Dr. Campbell was elected to a three-year term on the Executive Committee of the Milton Society of America.

Amanda Craddock, assistant dean of admissions, accepted a national award from the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers on behalf of the college relations committee of the Virginia Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers through her role as committee chair. She made a presentation about the committee's work at the awards ceremony, held in Las Vegas.

Joseph DiBella, distinguished professor of art, showcased his work at a solo exhibit, titled "New Paintings," held at the Phoenix Gallery in New York City.

Andrew Dolby, assistant professor of biology, authored a paper, titled "Facultative Rest-phase Hypothermia in Free-ranging White-throated Sparrows," which was published in *The Condor, An International Journal of Avian Biology*. The paper was co-authored by **John Temple**, assistant professor of biology, and several students who participated in the study.

Jeff Edmunds, assistant professor of mathematics, presented a paper, "Multiple Attractors in a Discrete Model of Two Competing Species," at the annual Joint Mathematics Meetings, held in Phoenix, Ariz.

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English, read her poetry at the Virginia Festival of the Book in Charlottesville and gave a presentation about her work at Vital Signs, Vital Lines, a conference on poetry and medicine at Duke University. In addition, two of her poems were recently nominated for the Pushcart Prize.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, associate professor of political science and international affairs, recently traveled to the Philippines to lecture in a U.S. State Department media development program there. Dr. Farnsworth, a former journalist, also has worked on U.S. government-sponsored democratization projects in Cambodia, Ukraine, Armenia and the Republic of Georgia during the past three years. In addition, Dr. Farnsworth recently co-wrote an article, "The Manchester Union Leader's Influence in the 1996 New Hampshire Republican Primary," which was published in *Presidential Studies Quarterly*, a peer-reviewed research journal. He also has presented several research papers at scholarly conferences, including: "New Presidents and Network News: Covering the First Year in Office of Ronald Reagan, Bill Clinton and George W. Bush," at the American Political Science Association and "Increasing Candidate-Centered Televised Discourse: Evaluating Local News Coverage of Campaign 2000," at the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication.

Chris Foss, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, titled "Socialism for Art's Sake: Wilde's Utopian Aesthetics," at the annual meeting of the Virginia Humanities Conference, held at Bridgewater College. The following week, he presented the paper "National, Transnational, International, and Regional Spaces in Toru Dutt's *Ancient*

Ballads and Legends of Hindustan," at the annual meeting of the 18th- and 19th-Century British Women Writers Conference, held at the University of Georgia.

James Gaines, professor of French and chairperson of the Department of Modern Foreign Languages, recently had an article, titled "Skepticism, Belief, and the Limits of Knowledge in Molière," published in the journal *Biblio 17*.

Carole Garmon, assistant professor of art, is the Virginia curator for a five-state exhibition titled "State of the Art." The exhibit, held at the Arlington Arts Center, features current trends in contemporary art. In addition, the Rijks Museum Library in Amsterdam acquired the rights to the images of her "Night Watch" work.

James Goehring, professor of religion, presented a paper, "Monasticism in Byzantine Egypt: Continuity with and Memory of the Past," at a Dumbarton Oaks Symposium titled "Egypt in the Byzantine World, 450-700."

Bradley Hansen, associate professor of economics, presented the paper "The Transformation of Bankruptcy in the United States," at the Political Economy of Financial Markets conference held at Princeton University.

Rebecca S. Hayes and **Norah S. Hooper**, assistant professors of education at the James Monroe Center, presented a session called "Strengthening Students' Cognitive Capacity Through Visual-Spatial Learning" at the Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's annual conference in Williamsburg and at the Virginia Council for Exceptional Children's annual conference in Charlottesville.

Alan G. Heffner, professor of leadership and management and MBA program director at the James Monroe Center, had his review of the book, *Cogs in the Classroom Factory: The Changing Identity of Academic Labor,* published in the Winter 2004 issue of *Thought & Action*, a journal published by the National Education Association. In addition, Dr. Heffner has been qualified by the Center for Applications of Psychological Type to administer the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator instrument. The center was co-founded by the author of MBTI, Isabel Briggs Myers. Also, Dr. Heffner reviewed a chapter titled, "Individual and Group Decision-Making," from the forthcoming textbook to be published by Prentice Hall, *Principles of Management*, by M. Hitt, S. Black and L. Porter.

Liane Houghtalin, associate professor of classics, presented a paper, "The Coinage of Roman Corinth and the Isthmian Games," in San Francisco at the annual meeting of the American Philological Association.

Helen Housley, senior lecturer in the Department of Theatre and Dance, was selected to participate in a month-long intensive workshop recently conducted by the Lessac Institute at Mercersburg Academy in Mercersburg, Pa. An international array of participants from academia and professional theater engaged in group and private instruction focused on the voice and body training techniques of Arthur Lessac, a renowned voice specialist and author. Lessac himself conducted several of the workshop sessions.

Richard V. Hurley, executive vice president and chief financial officer, and **Mark J. Safferstone**, associate dean and director of community outreach at the James Monroe Center, have been appointed to the Rappahannock United Way's Citizen Review Panel. The panel, comprised of local citizens, will meet to evaluate agency funding applications, assess agency effectiveness and recommend funding levels for the 2004-05 fiscal year. Hurley also was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Rappahannock United Way and will serve in the capacity of treasurer. In addition, Dr. Safferstone led a workshop, titled "The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator: Implications for Executive Action," at the Federal Executive Institute. He also co-led a three-day leadership workshop for the Leon County, Fla. Department of Health Management Team in Tallahassee.

Christina Kakava, associate professor of linguistics, was invited to review the book *Linguistic Politeness Across Boundaries: The Case of Greek and Turkish*, published by John Benjamins, which appeared in the *Journal of Greek Linguistics*. She also was invited to review *Misunderstandings in Social Life: Discourse Approaches to Problematic Talk*, published by Longman, which appeared in the *Journal of Sociolinguistics*. Dr. Kakava presented a poster with **Judith A. Parker**, associate professor of English and linguistics, at the Linguistic Society of America meeting in Boston titled "Linguistics at Mary Washington College: A Successful Model."

William Kemp, professor of English and chair of the Department of English, Linguistics and Speech, presented a paper on "Magic Presences: Fairies in Four Films of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*," at the Annual Southwest Texas Popular Culture Association meeting in San Antonio, Texas.

Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology, was invited to give a presentation on preventing violence against women at the Puerto Rico Summit on Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault, and

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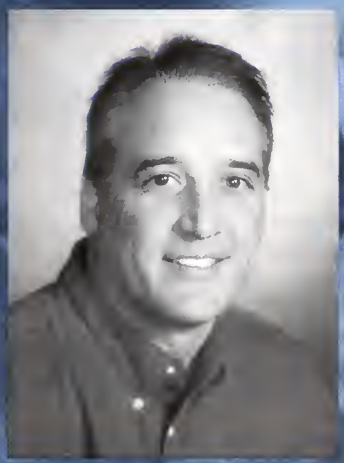
Judith Parker



Christopher Kilmartin

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Craig Vasey

Stalking, held in Puerto Rico. His talk, titled "I'm No Rapist, So Why Am I Here? (Because You're a Man.): Integrating Masculine Gender Information into Sexual Assault Presentations," focused on teaching men about gender and challenging women-hating attitudes.

Margaret Klayton-Mi, professor of business administration, was presented a plaque for being the track chair for marketing research at the annual conference of the Marketing Management Association in Chicago. In addition, Dr. Klayton-Mi was a paper discussant for two presentations. She also served as the session chair for the strategic marketing and e-commerce presentation at the annual Atlantic Marketing Association conference in Portland, Maine.

Keith Mellinger, assistant professor of mathematics, recently co-wrote two articles published in separate issues of the journal *Advances in Geometry*: "Multiple Spread Retraction" and "Odd Order Flag-Transitive Affine Planes of Dimension Three Over Their Kernel." Mary Washington College alumnus Craig Culbert was among the co-authors of the second article. Dr. Mellinger also served as mathematical content consultant for the children's television show *CyberChase*.

Thomas Moeller, professor of psychology, recently received a favorable review for his 2001 book, *Youth Aggression and Violence: A Psychological Approach*. The review, printed in *Contemporary Psychology*, was written by Richard E. Redding of Villanova University's School of Law.

W. Brown Morton III, professor of historic preservation and Prince B. Woodard Chair of Historic Preservation, was recently honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Waterford Foundation in Waterford, Va., for his contributions to historic preservation. Dr. Morton also presented the 2004 Noreen Stoner Drexel lecture for the Preservation Society of Newport County, in Newport, R.I. The lecture, "How Can Newport Model the Future of Historic Preservation?" was delivered to a capacity audience at Rosecliff, the 1900 Newport "cottage" designed by Stanford White. Professor Morton also spoke to the Warrenton Antiquarian Society of Warrenton. His lecture, "Robert E. Lee, Engineer: A Book in Progress," addressed the challenges and surprises of writing a book about the often overlooked engineering career of Lee.

Denis Nissim-Sabat, professor of psychology, recently co-wrote a chapter, titled "Fostering Resilience for Children of Alcoholic Parents," in the book *Investing in Children, Youth, Families and Communities: Strengths-Based Research and Policy*, edited by K.I. Maton, C.J. Schellenback, B.J. Leadbeater and A.L. Solarz and published by the American Psychological Association.

Judith A. Parker, in addition to her recent poster presentation with Dr. Kakava, conducted a workshop with research collaborator Carole Baroody Corcoran on "Perspectives on Girls' Well Being: Resisting Gender, Race and Class Messages from Powerpuff Girls and 'Girl Power'" at the annual Association for Women in Psychology conference in Philadelphia. Also, in response to an invitation to present at the annual Cassola Conference on Teaching Communication at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, R.I., Drs. Parker and Corcoran collaborated on "Privilege and Politeness: The Relativity of Civility."

Wendy L. Price, associate professor and chair of the Department of Historic Preservation, was recently appointed treasurer and executive committee member of the National Council for Preservation Education.

Professor Price also was appointed to the board of the National Preservation Institute, a nonprofit organization that provides professional training in preservation and cultural resource management. She was a featured speaker at both an Architectural Review Training Workshop sponsored by Albemarle County and an Architectural Review and Planning Commission Workshop sponsored by the city of Charlottesville, where she spoke on procedural due process. Professor Price is currently serving as vice-chair of the Virginia National Register State Review Board.

Warren Rochelle, assistant professor of English, presented a paper, "(Almost) Ordinary: Transitional Gay Imagery in the Galactic Milieu Universe of Julian May," at the 11th annual Lavender Languages and Linguistics Conference at American University in Washington, D.C. He also presented "Making Student Ideas Matter: Ethnography as Argument," at the annual Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Antonio, Texas.

JoAnn Schrass, associate dean of academic services, presented a roundtable discussion with **Leah Cox**, assistant dean of academic services, and **Natalie J. Ellis**, associate director of residence life, at the American College Personnel Association in Philadelphia, Pa., titled "FERPA and Helicoptering Parents." During the conference, Dr. Schrass was presented with the Commission for Academic Affairs Administrators' Award for Excellence in the profession of academic affairs.

Craig Vasey, professor of philosophy, presented a paper at the Virginia Humanities Conference at Bridgewater College titled "Metaphor, the Hermeneutics of Suspicion, and Politics." Dr. Vasey presented a second paper, "On Marx's 'Value'," at the Philosophy, Interpretation, Culture conference held at University of Binghamton in New York.

Paulette S. Watson, Director of Publications, retired March 1, 2004, after more than 26 years with the College. She began her career at MWC in 1978 as director of the James Monroe Museum and served as publications director and editor of *Mary Washington College Today* for the past 20 years.

Margit Christenson '05 of Springfield, Va., is majoring in English and is a student writer in the Office of College Relations at MWC.

Events on Campus

December

Approximately 450 student athletes at MWC raised more than $94,000 for the College's athletic teams through a raffle featuring a new car donated by the Radley Automotive Group of Fredericksburg. The winning raffle ticket was drawn Dec. 5, during halftime of the mens basketball game against York College of Pennsylvania.

January

Gregory H. Stanton, MWC's James Farmer Visiting Professor in Human Rights for the 2003-2004 academic year, was keynote speaker at the College's Martin Luther King Day celebration in Dodd Auditorium...MWC's Ridderhof Martin Gallery hosted the exhibition, "Mid-Atlantic New Painting," from January 22-March 5...Award-winning pianist Lynne Mackey presented a recital in Dodd Auditorium...The Mary Washington College Department of History and American Studies sponsored a special public lecture series during the spring semester titled "Great Lives: Biographical Approaches to History." The series examined the lives of important and intriguing figures ranging chronologically from Cleopatra to Katherine Hepburn... MWC's student-run Giant Productions presented an acoustic evening with pop country sensation Lonestar in Dodd Auditorium...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery from January 30- February 8...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance presented "Kindertransport," by Diane Samuels. The play tells the story of Eva, a Jewish child sent by her mother to London during World War II to escape the German Nazi occupation. Diane Samuels' fictional characters are based on the accounts of real Holocaust survivors, forced to abandon their families on the Kindertransport...The Mary Washington College Department of Business Administration offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns...Mary Washington College's psychology department and the student honor society, Psi Chi, hosted the Topher Bill Memorial Scholarship Live Auction in Lee Hall Ballroom. Money raised at the auction was divided between the Topher Bill Memorial Scholarship, which honors the memory of the late MWC professor, and Hope House, which provides temporary housing for mothers and children in need.

February

Four instructors in Mary Washington College's Department of Music presented a chamber music recital in Pollard Hall. The program featured five selections with performances by Edwin Johonnott, Rami Kanaan, Christine Sweitzer and Lynne Mackey...MWC hosted a grand opening for its new Fitness Center...The College's celebration of Black History Month included a keynote lecture by award-winning Haitian author Edwidge Danticat; a "Gospel Extravaganza" concert; a talent show sponsored by the Black Student Association; and a step show and competition sponsored by the student groups Women of Color and Brothers of a New Direction. Other events included several open class lectures and a student lecture series... Award-winning author Virginia Holman read from her memoir, *Rescuing Patty Hearst*, in Monroe Hall...Christopher Kilmartin, professor of psychology at Mary Washington College, performed his solo theatrical comedy, "Crimes Against Nature," in Dodd Auditorium. Written and performed by Dr. Kilmartin, "Crimes Against Nature" is a humorous, compelling, and very personal look at the pressures of masculinity..."Native," an exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors, was on display in the duPont Gallery...David Scheffer, U.S. ambassador for war crimes issues during the Clinton Administration, delivered a lecture in Combs Hall. His lecture, "Preventing and Punishing Genocide: Lessons from Bosnia, Kosovo, Rwanda, Sierra Leone and Cambodia," was part of the James Farmer Memorial Lecture Series held in conjunction with the James Farmer Visiting Scholars Program...The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented the third annual "Good Buddy" concert. The ensemble also hosted its third annual costume concert, "Carnival" ...MWC's Historic Preservation Club hosted its annual Victorian Ball in the Lee Hall Ballroom.

March

Mary Washington College celebrated Women's History Month with a series of performances, lectures and film screenings. Events included a panel of MWC students who presented their work relating to undergraduate research in women's studies; a lecture by Women's History Month keynote speaker Dolores Huerta, United Farm Workers co-founder and social activist; and a lecture by Paula S. Felder, a local historian, who spoke on "Discovering Mary Washington"...The Ridderhof Martin Gallery displayed three concurrent exhibitions of art by contemporary masters and local artists. "Contemporary Masters: Selected Paintings from a Private Collection;" "Paintings by Patton Wilson 1994-2004;" and an exhibition that featured a group of recent paintings by Travis Head '02, were on display from March 19-June 6...Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies held the first Student Academy on Information Technologies in classrooms throughout Combs Hall. The event

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Virginia Holman

U.S. Navy Commodores

provided students at both campuses the opportunity to showcase their work with information technologies...MWC's combined choruses presented a "Lighter Side" in Dodd Auditorium...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra presented a "Musical Mix" concert in Dodd Auditorium... Ornithologist Gary Graves gave a lecture titled "Documentation and Conservation of Jamaica's Birds"...An exhibition featuring the artwork of three senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery...Grammy Award-winning composer and percussionist George Crumb performed at Mary Washington College in Dodd Auditorium...Eric Weitz, professor of history at the University of Minnesota, presented a lecture, "Century of Genocide: Utopias of Race and Nation," as part of a lecture series on the topic of genocide...Ann Bigley Robertson '74, exhibition officer for the National Gallery of Art, served as Distinguished Graduate in Residence. She visited the campus and spoke to classes and student groups... The Mary Washington College Jazz Ensemble hosted the fifth annual Jazz Festival in Dodd Auditorium. The festival featured internationally acclaimed saxophonist Tony Lakatos and the U.S. Navy Commodores...Alan Jabbour, founding director of the American Folklife Center, presented a lecture, titled "Ten Points for Preservationists to Ponder"...MWC's Leidecker Center for Asian Studies hosted a Colloquium on Peace Services. Part of a three-day conference, the colloquium featured four guest speakers who led panel discussions on education and training based on a philosophy of non-violence...An interview with Miriam Liss, assistant professor of psychology at Mary Washington College, about living with autism was featured on the radio program "With Good Reason."

April

MWC's Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented the concert "Made in Virginia." A showcase of works by Virginia composers, "Made in Virginia" featured "Commonwealth Salute" by Judith Shatin of the University of Virginia and concert variations on "Deo Gracias" by Gordon Ring of Longwood University ...The Campus Christian Community at MWC hosted a series of events for its "Week of Social Activism for Homelessness." Through service projects and special speakers, the group hoped to raise awareness of the issues of homelessness in the Fredericksburg area... "The President's Own" U.S. Marine Band returned to MWC to perform in Dodd Auditorium...The 14th annual Multicultural Fair took place in Ball Circle and along Campus Walk. The fair featured an entire day of multicultural entertainment, children's activities, international and American food, and ethnic craft vendors...Bulent Atalay, professor of physics at Mary Washington College, delivered the lecture "Math and the Mona Lisa," which also is the title of his new book...The Mary Washington College Department of Theatre and Dance concluded its 2003-04 season with Eugene Ionesco's play "Exit the King"...Guest lecturer Timothy Salthouse of the University of Virginia presented a lecture, titled "Mental Aging, Older but Wiser, or Using It and Still Losing It"...MWC hosted a two-part lecture series, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Brown v. Board of Education court decision that ended racial segregation in public schools. The first lecture featured Fredericksburg Judge John W. Scott Jr., who presented a legal perspective on the Brown v. Board of Education decision. Princess Moss '83, vice president of the Virginia Education Association, was featured speaker for the second lecture. The series was sponsored by Simpson Library...A choral concert featuring the Mary Washington College Chorus and the Women's Chamber Choir was held in Lee Hall Ballroom...Mary Washington College hosted a lecture by Virginia naturalist and photographer Teta Kain. The lecture, titled "Antarctic Ice — The Ultimate Adventure," was presented in Jepson Science Center.

This Picasso was part of the Contemporary Masters exhibit.

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

At this writing, another academic year is drawing to a close at Mary Washington College. This has been another banner year for the Alumni Association. It began with an information-packed Alumni Leadership Conference, chaired by President-elect Monecia Helton Taylor '81, followed closely by the excitement of Homecoming in October. Regional alumni events in Virginia Beach, Baltimore, Alexandria and Richmond featured Dr. Martin Wilder Jr., vice president for enrollment, who shared news of the transition to university status. Distinguished Graduate in Residence Ann Bigley Robertson '74, exhibition officer at the National Gallery of Art, inspired students and faculty in the classroom during her visit in March. The Alumni Association hosted a dessert reception for members of the junior class and their parents following the Ring Presentation Ceremony, and welcomed the senior class to the alumni ranks with a reception in late April.

During my term as president, I had the privilege of serving as chair of the College Image and University Name Committee. I look forward with all of you to the excitement that lies ahead as we officially become Virginia's next great university, the University of Mary Washington.

As I conclude my term as president of the Alumni Association, I will take the opportunity to reflect on the Association's achievements during the past two years. Mary Washington now has six fully funded Washington Scholarships, which provide full tuition, fees, room and board to outstanding incoming students. Three of these prestigious scholarships were funded by the Alumni Association and three by individual donors. I have been pleased to serve on the Washington Scholarship selection committee for the past two years. This is an experience that is both exhausting and exhilarating, given the quality of the students — all of whom are among the top applicants to Mary Washington. With the endowment of the William M. Anderson Jr. Washington Scholarship by the Alumni Association last year, and the graduation of MWC's first Washington Scholar, Chris MacDonald '04, the committee had two scholarships to award for fall 2004. I look forward to seeing our two newest Washington Scholars on campus next year.

Finally, our new "home" is soon to be a reality. The Alumni Executive Center was dedicated earlier this month during Reunion Weekend, and alumni relations and development staffs will move into their new offices later this summer. At long last, we have a facility that will serve the entire College community and will recognize the contributions and achievements of MWC alumni. I applaud President Anderson for his vision in recognizing the need for such a facility, and Alice Andrews Jepson '64 for her leadership of the campaign that made the dream a reality.

It has been a joy to participate in the exciting life of Mary Washington College these past two years. I assure you the excitement will continue and grow in the years ahead. Monecia Taylor brings a wealth of experience, leadership and enthusiasm as she assumes the presidency of the Alumni Association in July. I thank the Alumni Association's Board of Directors for sharing their time and talent for these past two years, and I look forward to continued involvement with the University of Mary Washington.

Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70

Alumni Executive Center

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Finishing touches were being put on the building in anticipation of its dedication on June 5.

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE IN RESIDENCE

ANN BIGLEY ROBERTSON '74

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

Students and faculty were recently treated to a real "insider's look" at the National Gallery of Art, thanks to Ann Bigley Robertson '74. Robertson, exhibition officer at the National Gallery, served as this year's Distinguished Graduate in Residence. She returned to campus in March for two days of classes and small-group sessions with students and faculty.

Robertson spoke to classes in art history, studio art, historic preservation, and business administration, making the point that museum or gallery work is not limited to art history majors. Using a PowerPoint presentation that featured slides of various gallery operations as well as actual installations of numerous exhibitions, she walked students through the organization of the National Gallery and explained the expertise involved in each area. Students quickly learned that a facility such as the National Gallery needs business majors, writers, planners, artists and scientists, as well as art history experts.

Students were keenly interested in career advice from Robertson. She advised students to pick something they love and do it with passion, to be creative, and to keep their minds open. In illustration of the last point, she said that she never had considered herself to be a "math person;" now, however, budget management is among her many responsibilities. She emphasized that the liberal arts education she gained at Mary Washington prepared her well for the variety of tasks she handles, noting especially that she uses her writing and speaking skills every day.

As she described her career path, Robertson shared with students that she wanted to be director of the National Gallery of Art upon graduation from Mary Washington, but "someone else already had that job." She began her career in 1974 as a secretary to the curator of 20th century art, and after a year moved to the National Gallery's department of design and installation as an exhibits specialist. She has worked in the exhibition department since 1983. While continuing to work full time, she earned an M.A. in art history at The George Washington University. Robertson also wrote *An Enduring Legacy: The Painting Collection of Georgetown Visitation,* a catalog of the art collection at her high-school alma mater, Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School.

In her current capacity, Robertson handles all aspects of organizing and administering international art exhibitions. Her responsibilities include coordinating and scheduling exhibitions, negotiating loan agreements, writing applications for U.S. government indemnity/insurance, developing and monitoring exhibition budgets, and writing agreements and conditions of loans. Her work has literally taken her around the world; she went to China to negotiate contracts for the Chinese exhibit, to Greece in conjunction with the "Greek Mysteries" exhibit, and to Indonesia for an exhibit of Indonesian sculpture.

Sophomore Bridget McGee-Sullivan, an art history major, attended two of Robertson's classes and came away with renewed appreciation and enthusiasm for her field. McGee-Sullivan, who also aspires to be a museum director, now has a road map, thanks to Robertson.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is MWC's director of alumni relations.

Members of the President's Council who made annual gifts of $5,000 or more were invited to attend the third annual President's Key Reception at Brompton on April 2, 2004.

New Gift Clubs Recognize MWC Supporters

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

"Every person should have the advantage of a college education, and we have to help them get it." As an active alumna, a consistent supporter and president of the Mary Washington College Foundation, Arabelle Laws Arrington '41 puts this philosophy into practice to help MWC students achieve their educational goals.

"I gave my first gift to the College the day I walked away from here with my degree," she said. "It wasn't very much back then, but I knew how much my education meant to my mother and to my life. Somehow I had a sense that I should try to give something back regardless of the size. As the years went on, the Lord blessed me, and I was able to give a little more from year to year."

Arrington recently served on the Foundation Gift Club Committee along with fellow MWC Foundation Board members Ed Allison, a friend of the College; Theresa Young Crawley '77; Paul Dresser, a past parent; Lois Saunier Hornsby '48 and Marjorie Meredith Poyck '66. They were charged with examining current gift club levels and recommending possible adjustments. "I asked committee members to talk to current donors, to compile information from peer institutions, and to determine what funding is needed to enhance the quality of education at MWC," Arrington said. "As the fund-raising arm of the College, the Foundation Board is responsible for setting the pace of giving at MWC. Restructuring gift club levels is one way to encourage increased giving."

Theresa Crawley chaired the committee and explained the purpose of gift clubs. "Gift clubs are a great way for the College to recognize donors and their various levels

of giving. While the College very much appreciates every gift from every donor, it obviously needs to acknowledge that some contributions are larger than others," she said. "A formal gift club structure that indicates the level of support from each donor is a graceful way for the College to honor supporters. Each year, names of MWC donors who give at specified gift club levels are published in the *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts.*"

Crawley said she was surprised to learn gift clubs at the College have remained the same since their inception in the late 1970s with the exception of a minor revision to the Blue and White Club. "We began our committee work by comparing existing MWC gift clubs with those at other similar colleges and universities. We discovered that Mary Washington is lagging behind peer institutions such as University of Virginia, William & Mary, Virginia Military Institute and University of Richmond with regard to threshold levels for unrestricted giving, especially at the President's Council level," she said. "We also discovered that nearly all other colleges and universities are focusing their gift clubs on purely unrestricted giving."

Currently, gifts to the College of $1,000 or more enable supporters to join the President's Council. Throughout the year, members of the President's Council are extended special invitations to receptions and dinners, and they receive VIP privileges to other campus events and gatherings including the President's Book Club and the President's Travel Club. Crawley said at this time no distinction is made between unrestricted gifts and restricted gifts, which are sometimes directed to scholarships, academic departments, Friends of the Orchestra, the James Monroe Museum or Belmont.

"Unrestricted giving is critical," Crawley said, "since it allows the College to devote its resources to the areas of greatest need. The state's recent budget woes make unrestricted funds essential to help keep many programs afloat."

At the December 2003 meeting of the MWC Foundation Board, Crawley presented the committee's findings and proposed a new gift club structure to recognize donors at varying giving levels, and to encourage donors to give higher unrestricted gifts. The motion to accept the Resolution to Restructure the MWC Gift Clubs was accepted and passed by unanimous vote.

Crawley said she hopes Mary Washington supporters will embrace the new gift clubs and move up to the next level when possible. "We believe all the changes are positive for donors and the College, and are long overdue," she said. "Effective July 1, an unrestricted gift of $2,008 or more to the **Fund for Mary Washington** is required for membership in the President's Council. We also added more levels to recognize gifts at the higher ends, and we added a special club for recent graduates. We're confident our donor base will, as it always has, rise to the challenge and help MWC meet its financial goals, especially as we head toward MWC's centennial celebration in 2008. We know our alumni support rivals that of all public colleges, including VMI, and also most private schools. Support from parents, businesses, community members, faculty, staff and special friends all help the College fulfill its educational mission."

Paul Dresser is a parent of an MWC alumna, past rector of the MWC Board of Visitors, and a current member of the MWC Foundation Board. He served on the Gift Club committee and said he believes the new giving levels represent a positive change that recognizes the excellence of the institution. "Our Foundation has expanded in the last 10 years despite inflation and other economic challenges, but it is still woefully low compared to the institutions we regularly compete against for student enrollment," Dresser said. "Some of the best liberal arts colleges and universities in the country have hundreds of millions of dollars in foundation assets to help assist faculty and students. At between $25 and $30 million, our endowment program is just a fraction of that. I think it is absolutely imperative that we strive to build the endowment as quickly as possible. Increased gift club levels and a renewed focus on unrestricted giving to the **Fund for Mary Washington** can help do just that."

Research by the committee showed that several institutions promoted special giving levels with privileges for recent graduates. Dresser supported the addition of President's Council Eagle Clubs to the new gift club structure. "From my perspective, I think it is important to cultivate among our newer graduates a feeling of being able to give back to your college or university. It's like a return on investment," he explained. "Someone paid for a quality education for that student, and in return he/she received a quality education. Many of our graduates transition straight into the work force, and a high percentage continue on to

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— Paul Dresser

graduate school. This is a credit to the exceptional academic offerings and the wonderful faculty at Mary Washington."

Dresser said the new Eagle Clubs provide a way for recent graduates to experience the benefits and privileges of giving at President's Council level as they grow into their professions. "If recent graduates qualify for Eagle Club membership in the President's Council, they will be able to attend special campus receptions, dinners and events along with all other President's Council donors. I think it will enliven some of these gatherings, and we can all learn from one another." He added that this new structure is similar to many Chambers of Commerce and Junior Chambers of Commerce across the country.

The new gift club structure approved by the MWC Foundation Board will take effect July 1, 2004. See the chart below for detailed information.

Donna Harter Raab is the director of development communications.

New Centennial Celebration Societies

(Effective July 1, 2004)

ANNUAL GIVING SOCIETIES

Annual unrestricted gifts to the **Fund for Mary Washington***

$1,000 - $2,007	Brompton Society
$500 - $999	Ball Circle Society
$250 - $499	Trench Hill Society
$50+ (senior class only)	Eagle Club

PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

Annual unrestricted gifts to the **Fund for Mary Washington***

$10,000 +	Washington Society
$5,000 - $9,999	Monroe Society
$2,008 - $4,999	Centennial Society
$1,000 + (classes out 10 years)	Gold Eagle Club
$500 + (classes out 5 to 9 years)	Silver Eagle Club
$250 + (past 4 classes)	Bronze Eagle Club

1908 LIFETIME GIVING SOCIETIES

Cumulative Giving

$1 million +	Cornerstone Society
$500,000 - $999,999	Colonnade Society
$100,000 - $499,999	Campus Walk Society

Deferred Giving

Charitable Trusts, Bequests, etc.	Heritage Society

* Unrestricted gifts to the **Fund for Mary Washington**, formerly called the Annual Fund, allow MWC the flexibility to utilize funds where they are most urgently needed.

GIFT CLUB Q&A

Q: What is the Fund for Mary Washington?

A. In past years, the College has classified all gifts made on an annual basis under the Annual Fund. This has included both unrestricted gifts and some restricted gifts to specific departments or historic properties. Effective July 1, 2004, only unrestricted gifts will be included in the **Fund for Mary Washington**, and only those gifts will be counted toward determining gift club levels as published in the *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts*. Donors who make restricted gifts to the College will be acknowledged in a separate section within that publication.

Q: What is unrestricted giving and why is it important?

A. Unrestricted gifts help fund areas of critical need at the College that are not funded by the Commonwealth of Virginia. This includes many scholarships, Career Services programs, transportation vans, special benefits to attract and retain quality faculty, programs for alumni, many publications and other needs that benefit students.

Q: If I made a $1,000 gift to the Annual Fund this year, will I still qualify for the President's Council?

A. If a gift to the Annual Fund of $1,000 or more is received by June, 30, 2004, you will be listed as a member of the President's Council in the 2003-04 edition of the *President's Message and Annual Report of Gifts*. You also will continue to receive invitations to President's Council events through June 30, 2005.

If you have additional questions about the new gift club structure or the **Fund for Mary Washington**, please contact Lee Ann Reaser '98, director of annual giving, at (540) 654-2069.

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I enjoyed receiving my bird Christmas card from **Anne Ratcliffe Webb** of Alexandria, Va. Anne was slightly disappointed she couldn't find a card with a cardinal on it, as she always has. Yet, the two little black-capped chickadees on her card brought with them a lovely message.

It was very uplifting to hear Anne say she enjoyed a year of excellent health. It is our wish that she enjoys many, many more. Anne also reported that she keeps very active with her club and charity activities. It would be wonderful if we could hear from a few more of the Class of '31.

I am still hanging in there. My vision is still very low, as well as my hearing, but I think I'm doing very well. By the time you receive this, I will be 94 years young!

Love to each one of you.

[Editor's note: We are sorry to report the death of **Mabel McGinniss Crismond**, who passed away in January 2004.]

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From Elizabeth:

My thanks to each of you who responded to my request for news. Just a card, a note, a telephone call — anything will help to keep us in touch with each other.

Did you see the nice picture of **Lucy Pierson Welsh** in the last MWC annual report? The picture was taken at the luncheon given by the College for the recipients of the scholarship award given by our class in memory of Mrs. Bushnell. Lucy represented our class at this event and said that the three recipients are very grateful for our largess and often write her letters of appreciation. The scholarship fund has increased over the years because of you, the Class of 1937. We can now offer a scholarship to three students instead of just one! Doesn't this make you feel good — especially since we were all Depression-era kids?

Elizabeth Kalnen wrote from Wilmington, N.C., about her pecan grove and all of the work involved in the picking up, sorting and grading of the nuts. She has had many health problems and needs to have knee joint replacements. However, she hoped to attend reunion weekend. I received my official information on this from the office of alumni relations, where Cindy Snyder is director.

Zella Cornwell Tiller sent a long and funny letter about their many pranks in Willard Hall. She finished by writing, "One could only get by if Mrs. Bushnell was asleep!" Zella retired from teaching in Prince William County in 1979.

Selma Piland Johnston, from Falls Church, was 87 in January 2004. I beat her by 16 days, as my birthday was in December 1916! I was delivered by a midwife who drove around the county in her horse and buggy. We children used to call her the "Stork Lady!" Selma also tells of her retirement center, where she enjoys helping in the library, playing bridge and visiting others who, she said, are "not quite up to snuff."

A Christmas card came from **Ruth Knox George** in Morristown, Tenn. She seems surrounded by a loving family with nine great-grandchildren. She and her husband had been married 59 years when he passed away. She now rents an apartment in a retirement complex. Her religious affiliations seem to give her great joy.

Margaret Tyson VanAuken has retired after serving 33 years as a teacher, supervisor and principal in the Fredericksburg school system. She and her husband did a lot of touring, both here in the United States and abroad, before he died in 1992. She continued to travel until she had a stroke, which affected her left side. Now she tries to stay active in her retirement home.

Doris Cooper Epstein still lives in her Newport News condo overlooking the James River Bridge, where she enjoys the beautiful sunsets and her painting.

Mamie "Amy" Gillespie Ireson wrote "memories, memories, memories — wonderful ones to recall." Mamie now has time, as she lives alone. She lost her husband, Grant, to cancer in 1989, a result of exposure to asbestos in 1938 and 1939. As Mamie began writing her notes, she ran down memory lane and said, "What a wonderful, full life to enjoy — both living and recalling now!" Mamie just enjoyed the best Christmas possible with their two sons and most of their families. She is still at their home in Stanford and invites anyone going to the San Francisco area to give her a call — her phone number is in the Palo Alto directory as "Amy."

Eleanor Sutton Heath mailed me information concerning my mother's graduation from Blackstone Female Institute in Blackstone, Va. Our mothers graduated together in the Class of 1902. I did not know this, but it represents one of the nice spinoffs I have mentioned about keeping in touch with one another. So, keep the cards and letters flowing, girls.

My co-agent, **Rebecca Silver Witter**, has been ailing for a long time. However, she was instrumental last summer in getting together a small luncheon for a few Richmond classmates here at Cedarfield, where I live. **Virginia Richardson Parker** '38, my roommate for two years at MWC (Ginia and I grew up together in Toano, Va.), **Dorothy Chittum Delmar** and, of course, Becky and I attended. It was a fun day. We never stopped talking! We had hoped to have more attend, but they could not be reached. Cedarfield usually rolls out the red carpet for such occasions, and we even had the waiter who had served Margaret Thatcher when she came to visit the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg. We always tell this tale as it makes a good punch line!

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From Jamie Redwood Witzel:

Myra McCormick Cole celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary in December. She was married in Yuma, Ariz., when she and her husband, Harry, were both officers in the U.S. Navy. She was stationed at the Navy Hospital in San Diego, Calif. They had both been in the Navy in WWII and were recalled for the Korean conflict. After marriage, they made their home in Temple, Texas, where Myra was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital. Her husband, after retirement as a comptroller for a local company, has served on the board of Temple College for more than 25 years. She has two daughters, four grandchildren and three greats. Myra keeps in touch with **Jane McCorkindale Christenbury** in Daleville, Va., and **Dorothy Shaw** in Buffalo, N.Y.

Lois Loehr Brown, who was a class agent more than 40 years ago, remains active and feels great. She has lived inside the Washington, D.C., Beltway for more than 40 years and loves the excitement!

My old roommate, **Emma Watkins Pritchard**, found my address in her daughter's alumni news. She has two children: a son, who is an attorney in Williamsburg, and a daughter, who has never married and still lives at home. Emma said that **Anne Parker White** and **Mary George** still live in Suffolk and that she occasionally talks to **Jane Garnet Moore**, who is in a retirement home in Richmond.

I received sad news from **Eva Catafygiotu Topping**, in which she told me about the death of her husband of 52 years last October. They were married in June 1951 in Athens in a church near the Acropolis.

After graduation, **Margaret "Ann" Jones** worked as a high-school teacher in the Shenandoah Valley. Later, she worked as a secretary for the photographic department of *National Geographic* magazine in Washington, D.C. Her younger sister passed away in England a few years ago; she lived in London, where she worked for the U.S. Embassy. Margaret resides in the old family home that her father built in 1927 in Alexandria, Va., and has many wonderful neighbors and great friends. She belongs to her high-school alumni association and enjoys many of the activities they sponsor.

Rosalie Johnson Charlton's husband, Richard, passed away two years ago, followed by her only brother last year. She finds that losing loved ones is difficult, but her faith has strengthened her. Rosalie's three children are married, and she is blessed with six grandchildren and four precious great-grandchildren!

Mildred "Millie" Donaldson Rolander and husband Arthur celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2003 in Quebec City with their three children and their spouses. They had a lovely time! Millie spent time this winter on Marco Island in Florida. She and Arthur have rented a house in Burgundy (Cluny) for six weeks the last few years and are planning to do the same this summer.

Rhea James Dodge is the "last leaf" in her family, and so went back to Onancock and has been in the Hermitage for seven years. Former schoolmates and friends have made life very pleasant. **Elaine Parks Ball** has been there about a year. They go back a long way, as they went from the fifth grade through college together. Seven girls went to MWC out of her graduating class — two are gone. She often sees **Helen Burton Vincent**, who attended MWC for three years, and **Betsy McMath Ewell**, who attended for one year.

Barbara Vail Hitch remembers me as the "precious girl from Mobile who saw her first snowfall and ran out on the campus to yell 'happy snow' to everyone!" Barbara misses her friends who are now deceased. She used to visit **Frances Bolen Rees** '39 in Markham and Front Royal, but she passed away. Last she heard, **Joanne Meads MacDaniel** was still living in Lynchburg. Now and then Barbara visits **Dorothy Cook McCall**, who is living at Westminster Canterbury on the Chesapeake Bay. Barbara is considering moving there, too, now that she is a widow.

Margaret Thompson still loves to travel and meet people from other countries. In 1995, she and a colleague revisited friends in Germany, Austria, Holland and Switzerland. In 1999, she took a three-week trip, which included London and Scotland, where she enjoyed checking out her Scottish heritage! It is a beautiful country with good theater and great museums. In August 2000, she decided to travel on our continent, so she joined a group for a train/bus/plane trip from Vancouver, British Columbia, through the Canadian Rockies. It was back to Europe in 2002 and a two-week visit to the lovely city of Kiev, Ukraine, to help one of her great-nephews celebrate his third birthday. She had a great experience visiting a *dacha* in the countryside with friends of her nephew. Margaret went back to Canada in September 2002 for a brief stay in Toronto, North Bay, Sault Sainte Marie and then to Painted Rocks on the Northern Peninsula in Michigan. In 2003 she made a two-week trip to New Orleans, traveling on Amtrak in the sleeper. It had been about eight years since she was there, and she was surprised at the change — some beautiful new museums, the Riverwalk shops completed, etc., but found that the French Quarter had deteriorated. When not traveling, Margaret is busy as a precinct chairwoman for Precinct 1 Democrats in Mahomet, attending church and chairing committees there, playing bridge, exchanging recipes and dinners with neighbors and serving as secretary of her homeowner's association. She also spends time visiting relatives in Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey, and occasionally visits her niece in Texas. Sad news is that in fall 1999, her dear friend and former roommate, **Lorraine Dove Buglia**, passed away. She then lost her brother, Dan, in December 2001, leaving her with no immediate family. Fortunately she has plenty of nieces, nephews and a great-great-niece. Margaret attended a family reunion in Oakton in August 2003. More than 100 people came from across the country, some of whom she had not seen for more than 50 years.

I appreciate all of your kind words concerning my serving as class agent. Unfortunately, I will not be able to continue due to unforeseen circumstances. It was wonderful hearing from so many of you, and I hope someone will offer to take my place!

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Greetings! Thanks to those of you who keep the news coming. It keeps us in touch with one another and reminds us of our relationship with the College.

The year's end brought sadness to our class. **Diana Ciuffreda Custis** passed away at her home on the Eastern Shore in December. Diana, who was a native of New York, married her MWC roommate's brother and became an adopted Virginian. In retirement from teaching, she pursued her talent of writing and painting, and she enjoyed traveling with her husband. **Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp**'s husband, John, died in December following a long illness and confinement in a nursing home. John had a distinguished career as a sports announcer at Purdue University and received many accolades. News from **Jean Hudson Inskeep** tells us that **Dot Arrington Trivett**'s husband also passed away. We extend condolences to Diana's family and to Elinor and Dot.

When I talked to Jean Inskeep, she was very cheerful and upbeat. Russell's condition has improved since our last news. Three sons, their families, and help in the home enable Jean to care for her husband and also to get out to socialize with friends. A brace for support helps Jean's arthritic hands. An operation is not an option at this time. Jean is in touch with **Ruth Smith Stanley**, whose husband is in a nursing home in Harrisonburg. Ruth maintains their home in a retirement community nearby.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick continue to travel; their favorite trip was last August, sailing on a small ship from eastern Lake Superior to Duluth, viewing eight lighthouses. In January, they cruised to the Virgin Islands with friends, and were looking forward to a trip to the Grand Turk Island in February. Betsy reported that **Ann White Leonard**'s recovery from major back surgery is slow, but with Ann's positive thinking and determination, she will soon be back in the swing of activities. Betsy and Ann serve together on the altar guild in their church. Ann and Barry have five children. The twins have built homes across from them on their farm, which is not far from Betsy and Dick's farm. Betsy received news from **Adrienne Herbert Smith Doll** '44, who was planning a trip to Italy soon for her grandson's wedding. Adrienne lives in a retirement home with her cats. **Mary Boynton Goodloe Hargraves** and Ken visited Betsy and Dick en route from their summer home in Canada to Satellite Beach, Fla. **Jeanne Shade Bott** plans trips in a Martinsville retirement community, the latest being to Asheville, N.C.

Anne Dawideit Dickinson reported that much of the news in Fredericksburg centers on the name change of our revered College. Anne and DuVal are indeed fortunate and very grateful that they are in good health, and both go to work at their business every day.

Louise Lilly Barrett was busy preparing for an early annual Christmas family dinner: 17 in all were expected. She and Harry traveled to Raleigh to spend the holiday with their daughter's family. Louise and Harry are doing better health-wise. Good medical facilities and doctors in Norfolk and Raleigh provide needed care for them.

What energy and stamina **Lillian King Everett** has! Friends, family and interest in traveling make her life exciting and full. She has attended many shows in various cities, and she enjoyed frequent trips to Dover Downs and antiquing/eating/shopping excursions with family members and friends. The highlight of Lillian's year was an extensive tour of Ireland in April. Not even Hurricane Isabel in September slowed her down, although her area was without electrical power for four days. 2003 did bring sadness, though — her nephew as well as several good friends passed away. Lillian manages her time well to include volunteer work at church, in hospitals and nursing homes, and bingo.

Doris Lanham Einbinder sent a beautiful Christmas card of the Alexandria waterfront. It brought back memories of the year I lived there and taught in Arlington. Doris stays busy. She and Jack travel. Doris was planning Christmas with her family. She reminds us of our 60th reunion in 2005. That's positive thinking! Let's go for it!

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger traveled with friends to Ramstein, Germany, then to Mildenhall, England, where they rented a car to tour Scotland. Gloria reported a wonderful trip, one planned on short notice. Their activities include volunteering as "reading buddies" to two second-graders in an elementary school in Tyler, church work, and enjoying family time with their two sons, who live nearby. Willie, a beautiful, playful, white kitten, has joined the Goodsell family. Although very mischievous, he provides much enjoyment and fun for Rog and Gloria.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl continue giving time to the Salvation Army, Collegiate School and church programs. They entertained the family for Thanksgiving dinner, and Grace said, "Every minute of preparing and entertaining our two sons' families was wonderful." Grace and Carl celebrated Christmas in Smithfield with their children and grandchildren. In February, they flew to Ft. Lauderdale to join a cruise on the Caribbean. Life is good for the Lindners.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor and Wally are another couple blessed with health that allows them to actively engage in activities that contribute to their community and area. Their time is full of volunteering, entertaining friends at Cartmel (a retirement community) and spending time with their daughters, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, soon to be three in numbers. A very important part of Skip's life is a weekly ecumenical Bible study in which Skip has been an active participant since 1978.

Things have not changed much for **Chris Brauer Krausse** and Spott. Their family continues to grow; now there are four great-grandchildren. It's hard to catch up with Chris, because her large family keeps them on the go. They enjoy the grandchildren's athletic events, family get-togethers, many excursions, trips and shows. The time spent at their summer home on the river was extended last fall due to the damage done by Hurricane Isabel. There was no extensive damage to their house, but they lost 40 percent of their front yard and several large trees. One of the highlights of the Krausses' year is the annual Brauer family Christmas dinner, which

was started by Chris' mother many years ago and now includes six families.

In October, **Mary Lou Conover Miller** celebrated a milestone in her life with the family of 19 gathering in Palm Desert, Calif., for a week of fun and to be with her on this important occasion. Daughter Peggy compiled a scrapbook of Mary Lou's life that included notes from and pictures of her MWC friends. The Miller Christmas card, which I treasure, was a picture taken at the birthday party. Last September, when Mary Lou and Bob were visiting in the East, they met Chris and Spott Krausse for lunch in Fredericksburg.

Nancy Aitcheson Taylor's year included triumphs and challenges. Healing has been slow for Nancy, who had carpal tunnel surgery on her right hand. The left hand will be next. The No. 1 triumph for the Taylors was the complete recovery of daughter Kathy from breast cancer. Another answer to prayer was son Bill's safe return after nine challenging months in Kabul and the surrounding provinces working on the reconstruction of Afghanistan's war-damaged roads, schools, medical clinics, water supplies and agricultural resources. Nancy and Bill's five children and grandchildren provide them much pleasure and pride in many varied careers, talents and interests. Home health and housekeeping aides help the Taylors in countless tasks. Nancy and Bill enjoy their home and yard on the Potomac and are grateful for their blessings.

Life has not been the same for Jack and me since a tiger-colored kitty took up residence with us. For Jack's 80th birthday, I surprised everyone in the family, including myself, by adopting a much-wanted kitty from the SPCA. Teddy has changed our lives. He is playful, mischievous, and maneuvers us to his whims and ways. He is the center of attention, and he's also good therapy.

That's all the news that I have received. I do hope more of you classmates will update us on your lives before the next deadline. It's good to hear from friends with whom we shared good times and are an important part of our lives.

1947

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Elizabeth Daniel Conger wrote from Virginia to thank me for taking on my new job as class agent.

Edith "Gay" Levi Scannell and her husband, Joe, retired to North Carolina 18 years ago but are now considering returning to New England to be near their daughters and their families. After her husband's death in October 2001, **Ruth Meyer Butler** moved to a retirement community in Texas. She was not happy playing bingo and watching TV, so she organized a book club and took over the library. She is planning to move in the spring, perhaps to Austin, Texas, to be closer to her son and grandson. **Ross Ramsey** '93, a former employee of MWC, visited several times over the past few years, keeping Ruth up-to-date.

Dr. **Marylouise D. Meder**, who lives in Kansas, retired from the School of Library Management at Emporia State University; she is active in DAR, AAUW, Parliament Club, Beta Phi Mu, and her church choir. She flies periodically to Reston, Va., to visit her sister and family. Her sister's 50th anniversary celebration took place in Connecticut. **Lorraine Mock** '48 lives near Reston, and they meet for lunch each year. Several years ago, Marylouise established a scholarship at MWC, which, so far, two students have received.

Barbara Hansen Webb lost her husband, John, in 1990. She has traveled to Europe, South Africa, Brazil, Argentina, Chile, Thailand, Bali and Egypt. She volunteers through the historical society and at church, serving on committees and taking Bible courses. Living in her 1775 home in Connecticut, she entertains occasionally. "As I look backward and forward, family and friends are the important ingredients in my life," said Barbara.

Anne Bradley Guerrant of Williamsburg, Va., travels to hometown Danville and to Charlottesville for the games at U.Va., where her son Bill teaches, and where Anne started teaching 56 years ago. Son Bradley is with the United Nations' world food program in Sudan after being in Burma, Afghanistan and Somalia. The friendships made at MWC have been the most significant and meaningful aspects of her college career. Anne recently met **Meda Overman Hill** in Charlottesville. Meda's husband died in April 2003. The late **Ann Lee Johnston**'s daughter is in the capital development office of the College of William and Mary, so Anne sees her often at church.

Harriet Davis Lathroum's husband of 54 years died in 2002. She stays busy in two art associations — one at Chesapeake Community College, where she is on the advisory committee that has an annual art show. They show work from all five counties in Maryland that the college serves.

Katherine "Kay" Ryan has been married 55 years and has five sons and 12 grandchildren. She and husband Bob retired to Florida in 1991. They go to New York, New Jersey, New Hampshire and Cape Cod to visit family each summer. She gardens, plays bridge, walks and does water aerobics. Bob retired from his position as superintendent of schools, and Kay retired from dietetics hospital consultants. She has been back to MWC several times and has noted the "astonishing changes."

Patricia Richards Geyer, from Wilmington, N.C., volunteers at SCORE (Service Core of Retired Executives), which counsels businesses. She is in a garden club and travels on an annual freighter trip. She took a 42-day trip down the coast of South America and was the only woman passenger. She left the ship in Peru to see Machu Picchu, which are ruins in the Andes. Upon retiring, she is completing her list of things to do. She attends UNC, where she takes film-study courses. Her two grandchildren live in Watertown, Mass.

Jean Clarke Jones, who lives in California, visited **Ann Wood Parlett** in Hampton for the holidays. She went horseback riding and to the Langley Wind Tunnel. Jean and Woody lived at Betty Lewis Hall, where many of the girls came just for two years. According to Jean, **Nellie "Peggy" Clarke Pearson**, formerly of Arlington, Va., now lives in Bradenton, Fla. She has published poetry and fiction. Jean said that **Margaret Crickenberger** lives there, too. Jean and her husband play volleyball on the beach, and she paints with watercolors. Jean also said that **Carolyn Johnson Lingenfelser** is helping her with the Clarke family genealogy.

Dorothy "Dot" Conway Massie Carroll lives in Virginia and has been married for six years to Howard Carroll. They are healthy and happy, and enjoy trips to their cottage in Maine. They took a two-week trip to Europe, briefly visiting ports in France, Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark. They met her son, Dana, in London, where he was on a business trip. Dot has three sons and four grandchildren.

Jean McCausland and Al, who live in Virginia, have traveled to Ft. Myers, Fla., twice, and have visited son Jim and family in Seattle and daughter Kaki and family in Roanoke. In August, Jim's family joined them at the lake house for two weeks. Kaki has been free of breast cancer for about three years. Jean is involved with her church, women's club and golf. She enjoyed being with 36 McCauslands in their home Christmas afternoon.

Virginia "Jini" Young Alquist, who lives in Pennsylvania, attended MWC for one year and then transferred to the University of Pennsylvania and earned a B.S. in education in 1947. She retired from the legal department of Mellon Bank. She previously taught second grade in Kennebunk, Maine, after earning her master's from the University of Maine. She also traveled the state as an instructor for a telephone company. Jini is divorced with one daughter, who is a partner in a Baltimore law firm.

Gus and I married in 1950. I taught school for 31 years, and we had three sons. One son died at age 22. Gus is now in a nursing home. I am fine. I see **Ann Barbour Carvil** at her church occasionally. **Jean Purviance Stephenson** '46 and I attend some of the same church functions.

Be sure to contact me with news.

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Boffus thank our contributing classmates for their Christmas cards, from which we compiled our current news.

Elva Tate Hasher had quite a year of X-rays, CT scans, hand surgery, etc. While she didn't explain the etc., she added, "You name it, I've had it!" Elva also enclosed a brief obituary from the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* for our classmate, **Virginia Saunders**, who died last October. Gin was a clinical social worker in a psychiatric practice. She is survived by her nieces, great-nephews, a companion of many years and countless loving friends whose lives she touched with her wise counsel.

Dorothy Desmond Helfrich's health is better after her successive ills of previous months. Having greatly enjoyed her extended cruise to numerous ports of call in South America last year, Dot has no special trips booked for this year and plans to just take it easy for awhile.

Jean Murphy Baptist has a new companion as of last year — a cane. Murph quoted a friend who said, "Arthritis won't kill you; it just hacks you to death!"

Kate Mayo Schmidt and Bill spent Thanksgiving in Albuquerque, N.M., with their son, Bill Jr., and his wife, who then spent Christmas with Kate and Bill in Houston. Kate, Bill and his sister planned to take a Caribbean cruise after the holidays.

Conni Conley Stuart and Bonar were very excited that their son, Curtis, his wife and two children were to spend Christmas with them in Toronto. In anticipation, Conni said they had tickets for "The Lion King" and for the Canadian National Ballet's "Nutcracker," a real treat for the children. In September, Conni and Bonar hosted another annual reunion of the four suitemates. While we have no details, we know that Conni, **Norah Pitts Byrnes**, **Sara-Primm Turner ffrench**, **Betsy Thorne Bultman** '50 and their respective spouses all had a festive, fun-filled time together. And we hope many of our classmates caught Conni's ongoing role in Disney's Eloise TV productions. We certainly gave you advance notice which, in the fall issue of *MWC Today*, was timely!

Betty Bond Heller Nichols and her family had a lot to celebrate for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Daughter Anne remarried two days after Thanksgiving, and, as B.B. noted, "If being happy means anything, they're off to a good start." B.B. wrote that she was gearing up for our reunion and was looking forward to seeing many classmates. She enclosed an apropos quote: "The Most Valuable Antiques Are Old Friends!" Far from being antiques, the Forever Friends of B.B., **— Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon**, **Jane Yeatman Spangler** and **Dorothy "Dotty" Booker Pinkham** — planned to keep their perfect reunion attendance record intact.

Elizabeth Fischer Gore and **Mary Elwang Sharpley** were the signers of our annual fund letter toward special reunion gifts from our class. Living in Charlottesville, both Betty and Mary are active, caring alumni and are readily available to assist the College and alumni office whenever needed. Betty related that **Josephine Drury Ramsburg** was having health problems but possibly might come with Betty to our reunion, at least for the day. We were saddened to learn from Betty that Jo's husband died last year, and we offer our sincere condolences.

More sad news came from **Jeanne Farrington Leslie**, who wrote that their son-in-law had died of cancer the week before Christmas, leaving Jeanne and Mike's eldest daughter, Robin, a relatively young widow. On a happier note, Jeanne hoped that she and **Frannie Houston Layton** might join Mary Sharpley to attend our 55th.

A brief message on **Frances "Blackie" Horn Nygood**'s card from her dogs simply noted that all was well there in Delaware. As too many of us know, the first holidays after the loss of our loved ones are difficult, to say the least.

Margaret "Peggy" Elliot Sweeney stayed busy during Christmas. She and her daughter left Ilion, N.Y., and drove to Philadelphia to spend the holidays with another daughter there. Her third daughter and family arrived from Boston to join the family gathering. Two days after Christmas, dear friends **Anne McCaskill Libis** and Claude drove up from Baltimore to join them. Peg said they all visited Longwood Gardens, formerly the Pierre DuPont family estate, now open to the public.

Ann Michael Sturgeon and Fish live on a small mountain in Elkton, Va., where they are often snowbound in winter, but Ann said they both were doing well, or as well as most of us 55 years from graduation could expect.

From Stone Mountain, Ga., **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les recapped a year of successive accidents and illnesses. In December 2002, while readying their home for the Sunday school Christmas party, Jackie fell, injuring her right hand and curtailing her holiday activities.

At their Florida condo in January, Jackie caught a cold, which turned into bronchitis and necessitated a trip to the ER. Still recouping from that, while attending a college meeting at Young Harris with Les in April, Jackie slipped in the tub, breaking several ribs. In May, she tripped in her bedroom, resulting in a compressed fracture and painful vertebral surgery, three months after the first. A series of events and ills while again at their condo in the fall negated their return home for the usual Thanksgiving family festivities, but they anticipated a joyful Christmas. Jackie wrote, "I pray next year will be normal." A later update revealed that on New Year's Day, Jackie suffered a detached retina and, at that report, reattachment surgery was needed. Ever upbeat, Jackie and her rock, Les, were anticipating their grandson's graduation from Riverside Military Academy in May ... and our reunion in June!

Though **Lucy Vance Gilmer** said she had no news, she filled a page with her ongoing activities in Bristol. In anticipation of the 125th anniversary of her church last year, Lucy was really busy. Utilizing her ample computer skills, she did the layout and text for a pictorial directory, took photos and wrote history for a fund-raising project, baked numerous cakes for another fundraiser, had new shelving installed in the church library, catalogued all the books, pored through old church records collecting data for a history to be written, and conducted several sessions of oral history with older members. Our Lucy is one dedicated worker! She mentioned keeping in touch with **Barbara Trimm Wright**, who also continues her church work in South Hill.

A wonderful picture card came from **Leora "Nehi" Knapp Mora**, husband Peter and their favorite pup, Rags. Nehi went through three years and one semester with our class, but took one semester off and, thus, is listed with the Class of '50. However, in her heart — and ours — she is a faithful Forty-Niner, so the alumni office has agreed to send her all of our information and news hereafter. Obviously, the alumni office personnel are all heart, too.

Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly and George have settled into a happy and busy life at Westminster-Canterbury, a retirement home in Lynchburg, Va. They have an exercise regimen, a poetry class, and Wendy has joined "a great discussion group (nine intellectuals, most of them retired college professors, and *moi*)." She added that George has resumed carving and is producing delightful, wee animals. Wendy is a docent at the Maier Museum of Art, a fine collection of American art at Randolph-Macon Woman's College. During the holidays, she was co-chair of the annual employee/residents Christmas party for 500 people. Wherever Wendy and George reside, they certainly make that place a home.

Mary Lou Vollmer Cloar and Clyde have a new address. They still live in Mt. Pleasant, S.C., but at a different street address. Though we don't know whether they have downsized (as many have done) or upgraded, we do know that any kind of move is difficult, and we wish them well at their new hearth and home.

Doris Norman Carter and Sterling have a lovely permanent home in Charlottesville, but they also have a fab rolling home and travel all over the country catching up with friends they've met on the road and at RV rallies at various campsites in the U.S. and Canada. The fact that three of their four children and their grandchildren live in California would keep them traveling without any other incentives. Andi had the pleasure of a visit with Doris and Sterling during a special dinner last summer when the Carters celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at the Willard Hotel in Washington, D.C. The landmark Willard, now totally refurbished, was where they had spent their honeymoon, and they were delighted when they were given the honeymoon suite for their golden anniversary as well.

We all remember **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook** with so much affection that we've kept in close touch with her widower, Roland, and their four daughters. The latest news is that Roland is a grandfather of Sydney Westbrook Boyd, infant daughter of third daughter, Dawn. When she married Dr. Carl Boyd, they both decided they wanted to start a family right away. Both mother and daughter were doing well and were on hand when all Roland's daughters gave him a wonderful surprise birthday party last year.

Barbara Watson Barden and husband Bob have had more than their share of health problems lately. At our 50th reunion, Barbara was recovering from extensive knee surgery. As she said, "I've finally gotten my leg back, but Bob has had two major surgeries in a row — first, his back and, just recently, his hip." Their daughter, Priscilla, and her family have bought and are renovating a cabin near their parent's summer place in New Hampshire. Barbara and Bob were there with them and, of course, when your kids need help, you tend to volunteer. Barbara thinks that Bob may have done too much too soon, which may have hindered healing of his back. However, the hip surgery was a success, and now he is taking it a bit slower toward full recovery.

Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons is enjoying her adopted golden retriever, Hannah. Hannah had a lot of medical problems to begin with, but is now well and provides comfort and companionship to Andi. May and early June were slated to be busy times for Andi, with Mary Washington being the bookends for both months. In May, her No. 2 granddaughter, Andrea, graduated from MWC. (Andrea spent the first semester of her senior year in Western Samoa as part of her degree in sociology/anthropology and had a wonderful, unique experience.) In mid-May, Andi and a friend planned to board the Queen Mary II for a six-day trip to London, be there for a few days, then take the Chunnel to France for a short trip to Normandy.

They were scheduled to fly back to Dulles on May 31, leaving her only a few frantic days to regroup and return to MWC for our 55th. That's a rather tight schedule, but a marvelous trip for Andi!

And finally, **June Davis McCormick** managed to get through last year without any major health problems other than her old nemesis, bronchitis, throughout the holidays. However, house problems and repairs have given new meaning to the term "money pit." The word which strikes fear in the hearts of homeowners everywhere — termites! 'Nuff said.

Love to y'all from boffus.

1951

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It's so sad that we lost two of our classmates recently: **Winnie Horton Brock** and **Beatrice Whittle** '49. Our sympathy to their families. **Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan** lost her husband, Charlie, in March '03. Many regrets to the family.

Dorothye Belden Wood wrote that son Josh married Alexis in March in Mobile, Ala., and they are fixing up an older house. Alexis is in pharmacy school, and Josh is at Infusion Plastics Co. Megan continues her studies at Intercontinental University in Atlanta and also holds down a job in a store that gives her marketing experience. Dot and Bill went on a Caribbean cruise with family and friends to celebrate 50 years of marriage. Daughter Kim's son and his wife, Kevin and Laurie, had No. 3 son, Braden Nathaniel, in January '04. Bill's mom, Goldie, continues on at 101 years. Dot still keeps in touch with many classmates. Dot and Audrey always stayed in touch with Dr. Tannye Burnett Rawls, P.E. professor and house-mother in Brent Hall, until Christmas 2002. Dot's sister did some detective work and found that Dr. Rawls passed away in June 2002 with cancer. Dot, Bill and friends still find time to go to the mountain cabin to relax and fish.

Ruth DeMiller Hill is still going with Duke after 10 years. They walk daily with her dog, Scout. Ruth and Duke took a trip to Macon, Ga., to visit relatives and see the sights in Georgia, Tennessee and Kentucky. Ruth has been busy — she has acquired a dream cabinet for all her

collections and is still circulating her biographical blue book. Another project is going over all her Welcome Wagon filing cards — she has made 3,963 calls in 29 years. Ruth has also been digging into genealogy and even gave a program for the Steuben County Genealogical Society, is active in local and Indiana politics, and still finds time to work in her yard five months of the year. Ruth even has a social life, which includes attending parties, and her health is OK. Her kids and grandchildren seem to be doing well, also. Toff is in his 26th year of teaching. He and Joni have two children: William is in college, and Faith Rose is in preschool. Richard and wife Lynn have Daniel and Katherine. Ruth Alice and Pat, who live in Ohio, have Shaun, Rachel and Abby. Ruth learned of the death of **Julia Ould Geiger**, who entered with the Class of '50. She was a retired speech-language pathologist. Ruth also wrote that **Judy Campbell Kern**, who began with our class as Ruth's roommate in Willard, had severe heart trouble last summer. She was well enough, though, to send Ruth a Christmas card.

Lorraine Frantz Foulds and Fritz had some health problems at the beginning of 2003, but closed the year feeling fine. They are still playing bridge, and Lorraine is a leader of a senior group at their church. Their kids go by to see them and make sure they are behaving themselves. The family will get together soon to celebrate Fritz's 90th birthday. Lorraine is still working with H&R Block at tax time.

Ann Ruggles Curfman and Howard met in 1981 at a reunion with four roommates, who lived together in Marye and Ball, and their husbands: **Marjorie Southcott Graham** and Jerry, **Eugenia Moran Cheney** and Bob; **Jean Tomko Chapman** and Sonny; and Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan and Charlie. Since then, they have met together seven times. All reunions were with their husbands, who participated and added much to their enjoyment. They have gathered from Maine to the Outer Banks of North Carolina, meeting four times in Virginia. In 2003, they met in Asheville, N.C. Others who have joined the group have been **Anne Taylor Miller, Carolyn Bowers Atwell, Jeanne Burckell MacDonald** and **Ruth Carroll Fisk**.

Juanita Piker Cater and husband Jim still go to their office several hours a day. They are trying to maintain and then sell their last store property. **Ann Penney Ross** and husband Jim spent Christmas in Indonesia with daughter Betty. **Cynthia Medley England** is in a retirement community. She got tired of paying electricians, yardmen, plumbers, etc., to maintain her home. She was ready to be waited on. She's now at the Carlisle in Naples, Fla., and is very content.

Nancy Tate Tossey went to Dayton, Ohio, right after graduation and has been there ever since. She married an Ohioan who was an Ohio State graduate engineer. They had three children, all graduates of Ohio colleges. Her husband passed away six years ago. They were married 42 years. She still lives in the Dayton area but spends three months in Bonita Springs, Fla., each year.

Nancy Gass was sick last summer with blood problems but was back preparing income taxes. **Catherine Burns Foster** is in Mobile, Ala., and **Ginny Orkney Philbrick** is in Bedford, Va. Ruth said the Class of '52 writes her more often than our own class.

Thanks to all of you who contacted the individuals who helped us in deciding the name of our College. I appreciated all your help. Until next time, stay well and enjoy life.

[Editor's note: Shortly after Class Notes were submitted, **Lorraine Frantz Foulds'** husband, Fritz, passed away. Our deepest sympathy goes to Lorraine and her family.]

1953

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From Barbara:

We received the news that **Margaret Gooch Turner** died in August 2003. Margaret taught in Albemarle County, Va., public schools for many years. She is survived by son Blair, daughter Paige and four grandchildren. On behalf of the class, we extend our deepest sympathy to the family.

According to **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain**, she is still working part time. (It's the part time I question!) She is a self-employed writer/composer and composer-in-residence for the Radford University Opera Ensemble. In that capacity, her newest opera, "The Emu's Tale," premiered Nov. 8, 2003. On a school tour, 1,600 students and teachers saw four performances of the opera. Kitty also wrote the script and played in an organ trio (in witch's hat covered with fake cobwebs over a purple wig!) for Radford's "Halloween Organ Concert." Besides all the above, she is organist/pianist for the Christiansburg Presbyterian Church.

Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh, husband John and two granddaughters attended the opening of "The Emu's Tale." It is a joy for Kitty that Ginny has been her principal supporter for more than 50 years. The Kinniburghs brought Kitty a gift of a real emu egg! Virginia attended her 50th reunion of graduation from MWC and also celebrated her 50th wedding anniversary with John in 2003. In August all their family, including their six grandchildren, spent five days with Ginny and John at The Greenbrier in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

Nancy Newhall Hulburt wrote that there are doctors and dentists with increased incomes these days due to the Hulburt's filled calendar of appointments. A lot of us can identify with that! Nancy and husband Harry continue to enjoy their beautiful home and to host visits of their three children and 10 grandchildren. Also in Massachusetts, **Martha Gilbert Smith** enjoys going to art exhibits with son Derek and babysitting for daughter, Diana. Grandchildren Lauren and Mike are her delights!

As late as Christmastime, ashes from the terrible fires in Southern California were falling on Escondido and area, so **Charlotte Benz Villalobos** was looking forward to any rain at that time. She spent Christmas with daughter Pattie and family in Northern California.

Deigh Renn Simpson recently visited Hal and me for a couple of relaxing, fun days. She and my mom enjoyed reminiscing about all the times during freshman and sophomore years that my mom and dad drove to MWC to take some of us out for day trips. We used to hang out the windows at Willard, hoping they would appear! Hal and I have enjoyed a number of trips recently, traveling by "trains, planes, and automobile," certainly much more happily than that transportation phrase might suggest.

Please, ladies, write!

1955

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Dottie Booth Sanders and Dewey started a Walk Across America in Virginia Beach in February to raise money to support the children's program SHIPS/SIGNALS. The destination is San Francisco, Calif., and arrival time is June. Dottie will drive the 30 miles a day, and Dewey will walk. I wish I had known about this when I wrote my letter in the fall. The program is part of the Kentucky United Methodist Homes for Children & Youth and concentrates on drug abuse and prevention.

Ann Lou Rohrbach Culwell has made the move. She is now in the city of Norman, Okla., and misses the quiet of the country. A spring trip to Switzerland and Austria was planned, to give her a change from city living. She plans to e-mail this year! More high-tech news from **Sue Bedell Albee** — she got a new laptop, complete with new e-mail address, for Christmas.

News from **Nancy Shope Armbruster** came from Cuernavaca, Mexico, where she and Joe were studying Spanish, which she said was hard work, but a lot of fun. They were living with a Mexican family and found the cultural differences interesting. **Minnie Rainey Mayberry** and Tom had Italy as a destination for March. In July, all of the family, including the grands, will be in Ireland.

In November, **Joan Darden** was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at the school where she taught for 27 years. She pinched herself to make sure that she was still among the living, since most people were honored posthumously. A week was spent with her family in Marietta, Ga., for the holidays, and she is still actively golfing (or goofing) in Virginia and other southern states.

Pat Seibert Siegel retired in June, but Mike is still working. They came back in October, to visit relatives. **Chris Harper Hovis** is still busy with her store, but Neil has given up his office. The highlight of the year was son Joe's return from Afghanistan last June. They had a mini family reunion in August, and she got out her mom's pictures and talked and talked. She said that talking is one of the few activities that has not declined in her golden years.

Some lady said, "Don't I know you?" as I was going into Jazzercise. Well, she did. It was **Colleen O'Rear Lewis**, whose license plate has DANCN on it. We have talked and e-mailed but have not seen each other in years and years. **Mary Kate Bird Dellett** wrote that, unlike 50 years ago, Colleen said she could almost keep up with me now.

Midway through our junior year, **Beverly Carmichael Ryan** transferred to the University of Michigan and graduated in 1955 with a B.A. in Russian studies. She married that year and lived in Birmingham, Mich., where she raised six children. She moved to Lynchburg, Va., in 1979. She has completed her 16th season as a docent at Thomas Jefferson's Poplar Forest. Genealogical and historical research is her main interest, and she has published in research periodicals. Three of her sons are located in Homer, Alaska, one son is in California, and her girls are in the Boston area. She has eight grandchildren. Each spring, **Emily Fowler Darden** and her husband, Tad, visit Beverly from their home in West Point, Va. **Sue Mapp Harper** comes to Virginia from her home in Phoenix, Ariz., at least once a year. Emily, Sue and Beverly got together for lunch at Michie's Tavern in Charlottesville a couple of years ago and shared a lot of fun memories.

Carole Kolton Bryson noticed that **Irene Hughes'** area code was the same as hers, so she called her. They are both interested in writing and plan to get together. Carole has now been published. She has a column titled "A Cluttered

View" in the local *Senior Life* newspaper.

Carole is revving up for our 50th. She has started lists of key words and has volunteered to put it all together for our reunion book. We are talking about a year from now!

Thank goodness I got your fall letter written and to the alumni office before our trip to Spain. We got back to a week without electricity and major damage at our cottage on the Chesapeake Bay from the hurricane. The house survived even though we lost six huge trees, a deck and a porch. Goodbye shade, hello sunshine!

Keep the letters and e-mails coming. See you in 2005!

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Thank you all very much for sending news for *MWC Today*!

Anne Jones Belsha stays busy with projects for church, school and family and with traveling. She and her husband, Les, traveled to Holland, Germany and Austria and cruised down the Rhine and Danube in Vienna in April 2003. Her youngest daughter and family moved to Kansas City, Kan., so they'll be seeing a lot of that part of the country!

June Riddle Warner and her husband, Stanford, retired in 1996 and live in Sun City West, Ariz. She has become a Rhythm Tapper and was planning to tap dance in a variety show in November. You might remember her dancing and doing skits during our freshman and sophomore years. They have two children: a son, Stanford Jr., and a daughter, Heather, who was married in May 2003.

Marlene Bost Braun and her husband, Carl, are enjoying retirement, traveling and keeping up with their musical interests. She substitutes on the organ at churches frequently and is very much involved with a music club in which she holds a state office. She is active in her church and has been subscription secretary for Portsmouth Community Concerts Inc. for 25 years. Her daughter, **Carla Braun Bell** '82, adopted a 1-year-old Chinese baby, Lindsey Anne, in February 2003. Everyone, including her two teenage brothers, loves having a wee one around! Marlene babysat so that her daughter could complete the school year with the Portsmouth Public Schools as a facilitator. One of her sons lives in Colorado and is working for an engineering consulting firm as an analyst and loves the outdoor life the area provides. The other son completed his doctorate in nuclear physics at Duke University and is employed as a systems administrator in the computer science department.

Ellen Hertz Hewitt and her husband, Charlie, are traveling more than ever! In May 2003, they spent a month in Italy. (One week in Assisi, two weeks in Tuscany and the last week in Sorrento with their son and grandson.) This summer, they plan to travel in England with her sister and brother-in-law and stay in a house they have rented there for two weeks. Then, three of their children with spouses and one 2-year-old will spend time with them. She had a grand time at her 50th high-school reunion in Connecticut, where she renewed friendships with seven people with whom she had gone to elementary school. The last of the three events was held on the beach, where all the high-school kids used to hang out!

Beth Shuler Wampler and **Marie Koontz Frey** '60, who have been friends since first grade, organized their 50th reunion at Shenandoah High School in May last year. It was a very successful dinner-dance and brunch. Marie is a wonderful godmother to Beth's seven grandchildren, and their last trip together was to Bermuda. Beth and her husband, Dick, closed Harrisonburg Real Estate in 1992 and are enjoying life!

Betty Rose Ballengee was happy to see so many classmates had written with news, as she was often disappointed to look through *MWC Today* in the past to find little or no news about our class. Remember, you all have to send the news in order to have a column! Betty May and her husband, Jim, traveled from Virginia to Charleston, S.C., to New York and then to Columbus, Ga., because of his job of 25 years with Westvaco Corporation. Jim later went with a local company in Columbus, which is where they call home. They have four children and six grandchildren scattered from Georgia to Ohio and Maryland. Betty May taught public school music and then took a few years off prior to teaching piano, which she has been doing for the last 20 years.

Betty Huckstep Cross has been quite busy over the past 46 years! Betty was married and pregnant when we graduated, and had her son, Charles Nottingham, in July of 1957. She said, "Whew, that was close!" Four years later, she began teaching second grade in a private school and went on to teach for the next 30 years in the Virginia Beach Public School System in three disciplines — second grade, home economics and, the last 14, in library. She earned her library certification and master's degree from Old Dominion University in Norfolk. Fifteen years ago, she married a retired Navy captain, Charles H. Cross, and inherited four great daughters, and they now have eight wonderful grandchildren. They retired to the Eastern Shore of Virginia 11 years ago.

[Editor's note: We subsequently received word of the death of Betty's husband, and offer our heartfelt condolences.]

Betty was pleased to note in reading past news that she and her freshman roommate, **Carolyn Six Herel**, both chose the same profession, library science. Carolyn earned her master's degree in library service from the University of Alabama and worked for the Circleville City School System for 35 years as an elementary-school librarian. For more than 30 years, she has been involved in the hobby of metal detecting and has made some very interesting finds. She has her own Web site, Carolyn's Metal Detecting Corner, at http://www.dragonbbs.com/members/ww5389. She invited us to visit her site to see what has been happening. She is also active in cave exploration and has been elected a Fellow of the National Speleological Society. She has a daughter, Suzanne, who lives in Colorado with her husband and three children. While Suzanne was visiting for a few weeks in April, they camped out for a few days in Cumberland Gap National Park and hiked a few of the trails. Carolyn has been looking for a copy of a MWC cookbook that was published a few years after we graduated, but has had no success in finding it. If anyone has any suggestions as to how she might obtain a copy, please let one of us know.

Nancy Galloway Champlin and her husband, David, live six months in Clearwater, Fla., and six months in upstate New York since retiring in 1994. They have two grandchildren.

Sheilah Kennedy Dye and her husband, Tom, are still living in Macomb, Ill. Since his retirement three years ago, they have been doing quite a bit of traveling from the East Coast to the West Coast, sightseeing and visiting friends and family — especially their three children and six grandchildren. They spend a month in Arizona each year. In June, Sheilah attended her 50th high-school reunion in Long Island, N.Y., where she saw **Joan O'Shaughnessy Kaufmann**. Sheilah, Joan and **Lois Prime Liles**, who unfortunately was unable to join them at the reunion, all attended the same high school.

Barbara Craft Grantz and her husband, Walt, who is the brother of classmate **Helen Grantz Fortner**, spent a month overseas in Amsterdam, Scotland, and went by train through Wales to London in the spring. Walt is retired but maintains his private consulting contacts by presenting papers or speeches. He is one of the oldest members of the International Tunneling Congress and very much respected. While he is involved in writing papers and consulting, Barbara keeps herself busy with a newcomers welcome-type group. They are all in their 60s plus (and very young at heart!) and get together to play bridge, canasta, have lunch and go for nature walks. The group welcomes newcomers to the Virginia Beach area and tries to acquaint them with volunteer opportunities as well as extending a hand of friendship. It's so hard to change residences when you are widowed, divorced or retired and have no contacts in an area. These ladies fill that niche and have a lot of fun at the same time! Barbara made contact with **May Schmersal Wentz**, who transferred to MCV after her sophomore year at MWC. She and her husband were to stay with them on their way to Florida last year, but he had a health problem, so the mini-reunion was cancelled. In helping Walt with his consulting opportunities, Barbara makes all the airline arrangements and takes the telephone messages. Her final quote in the letter was "Behind every successful man stands a woman telling him how he could do it better!" Barbara has not lost her wonderful sense of humor!

Marianne McDermott sold her association management company, which she had run for 18 years, to a larger association management company (now the second largest). She agreed to stay on to cement her client associations and orient her staff and retire at the end of the year. She also ran the greeting card association for 20 years, and they gave her a great sendoff at their awards dinner in New York in May 2003. The other trade group that she has managed for almost as long is the National Candle Association. Her hope after retirement from full-time work is to travel and to find a role where she can make a difference in the acceptance of the basic rights of animals (to alleviate some of the terrible suffering of animals due to laboratory testing and factory farming) and will put her law degree to work toward that goal. She is in constant touch with her MWC roommates, **Nancy Lee Holmes Bolton** '58, **Virginia Nettles Hutchinson** and **Sue Carpenter Farmer**, all of whom are doing very well.

Foncie Lawrence Williamson and a friend met **Elizabeth "Libby" Fordham** and a friend last autumn and went to Denver and Steamboat Springs. They also drove through Flaming Gorge up into Teton National Park, where they stayed in a one-room cabin. They had a wonderful trip and saw magnificent scenery. On one ramble, the road ran out and became a fire trail that went over two mountains. They ventured forth, and took the "road less traveled" and had quite an exciting and memorable adventure!

Foncie encourages us all to start planning to come back to MWC for our 50th. "Start to round up your buddies so that we will have a bang-up crowd from near and far in '07. The campus was never the same after we left. Shall we do it again?"

OK, Class of 1957, let's start making plans for our 50th! It is scheduled for June 1-3, 2007. Mark your calendars, and we'll see you there!

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Hello, hello! I had a surprise call in November from **Carol Noakes Robinson** and **Fay Jessup Young**. They were making plans to attend our 45th. Carol was building a house in New England and hoped to be in it by the end of the year.

Gloria Winslow Borden is enjoying the spontaneity of retirement. When her 13th granddaughter, Joy, was born in February 2003 to Beth and Don Lambdin in California, Gloria was there almost immediately. That now gives Beth and Don six daughters, a busy life with a Creative Memories business, and a Jim Eliot School. Gloria's daughter, **Caroline Borden Kirchner** '82, Mike and the girls are still in California. Caroline is no longer teaching ESL; however, she home schools Jennifer and manages her Creative Memories business. Cliff and Lynda Borden were preparing for baby No. 5, due in April. Any bets on a grandson? Cynthia and Rob Griffing have a new house in Houston. Gloria is traveling much! She has been to California, Texas and Virginia Beach; she took a cruise from Miami to Los Angeles via various ports of call and the Panama Canal; she enjoyed a trans-Atlantic crossing on the *QE II*, followed by a week in London; and she attended an Elderhostel in New Orleans and Cajun country. Gloria also took trips to New York, Maine and San Diego. She has a timeshare in New York and was there until mid-December. Whew! She enjoys church activities and being with her friends. She attended Ed's 45th reunion in October. It was a very special time for her. On her list of things to do, cross off the Space Center, a rodeo and a dude ranch. This girl is busy.

Mary Fredman Downing and Glen are looking forward to our reunion. She promised to write a summary of the many trips they have taken over the years. **Cecile Duncan Folan**'s super news is that grandchild No. 1 was born in October. Megan is a scene-stealer, according to Grandma. Cecile sends the news that **Sybil Child West** has seven grandchildren, all under the age of three. And **Mary-Louise Cork Hendrix** has six boys and one girl in the grandchildren department. Sybil lives in Wilmington, N.C., and Mary-Louise is in Pleasant Hills, Calif.

Catherine Swaffin Howard and John sent an extremely colorful newsletter with a great picture of John Jr. and Sarah's family. At his homecoming, John was chosen Baylor's Outstanding Young Alumnus. He, Ann and children, Patricia, Susan and John, hosted Grandma, Grandpa, Sarah and Richard with their children, Becky, Emily, Elizabeth and Richard in D.C., for Christmas.

Celeste Shipman Kaufman spent the first three months of 2003 in Vero Beach. In June she spent 15 days in Colorado. They then drove to D.C., where they visited friends and some of Alan's family. On the way, they stopped in Fredericksburg (guess where!). Their annual football trip was to Chicago; where they saw Northwestern play. Last fall they were in North Carolina, San Diego and Newport, R.I. In other words, they're never at home! Daughter Tammie is teaching at Central Florida in Orlando. They are opening a tourism and hospitality campus. This is her major. Julie and John are busy with three children: Austin, who is on the eighth-grade basketball team and runs cross country; Francie, who is into gymnastics; and Sarah, who started kindergarten this year. Jeff and Pam are busy, too. Smylie, 12, won the All State Amateur Golf Tournament in his age group. Luckie is good in soccer. Pug and Alan were planning to take Francie, Smylie and Luckie to New York for two weeks before Christmas. Alan still enjoys coaching.

Lois Gaylord Allen and Howard work as volunteers in the emergency room at a local hospital and at the local humane society. Their oldest grandchild, Marcus, is a high-school freshman. He, too, runs cross country.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle and Tom's grandchildren are thriving. Tom Jr.'s family has moved into a new house in Encinitas, Calif. Children Emma and Owen are doing well. Tiffany's daughter, Cynthia, is an eighth-grade honor student. Jennifer has returned to Atlanta. Last June, Aud and Tom were in Santa Barbara. September found them in New Mexico visiting Tom's sister in Las Cruces and Tom's brother in Ruidoso. October found them in St. Croix. Do any of you people stay at home?

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn and Burton moved to Florida in September. She loves the grandmother role. She and Burt keep toddler Mason during the week while Mary Catherine and Michael work. They love their new home and are close to everything. Her mother has made the adjustment, so all is well. Mary Carolyn wrote that West Melbourne seems to be a lot like Tidewater, Va.

Julia Coates Littlefield wrote that Mo is wearing many hats. He is serving a three-year term as a vestryman at their church, works on his computer, volunteers for the American Cancer Society and drives patients to doctor's appointments. Last June, they spent a week in Nags Head. In March, they went to Hilton Head, where son Scott, wife Susan and grandson Christopher joined them. Mo's brother and his wife were there, also. Julia and Mo drove to Charleston, S.C., and had a wonderful time visiting with **Shirley Mauldin Gibson**, who is still teaching. In June, they went to Augusta, Ga., for Chris' second birthday. Scott works on the Internet, from his home, as a consultant for stock traders. He and Susan just bought their first house, which Julia and Mo hoped to see before Christmas. August found them in Maine for Mo's 50th high-school reunion. They returned for a longer visit in November and enjoyed a week in Penobscot Bay and Rockport. Julia has made other trips to see her sister, **Lucy Coates Moise** '56, and her watercolor exhibits in Irvington, Va., and Wilmington, Del. Julia still sings in the church choir, plays golf, gives tours at the Stonewall Jackson House and volunteers at church. She drives to Richmond frequently to see daughter Beth, son-in-law Mike and grandson Jack Henry. Next year Jack will be in middle school. He plays baseball and basketball. Beth and Mike are building a new house in Hanover County.

Last year **Mary Massey** and husband Jack Meiners went hiking in the mountains of Idaho, boating in Hell's Canyon on the Snake River and hiking in West Virginia. In Quebec, during an Elderhostel trip, they whale watched and saw snow geese migrating on the St. Lawrence River, biked in several parks, saw gorgeous scenery such as brilliant red maples, toured Montreal Botanical Gardens and Charlevois Meteor Crater plus the usual sightseeing in Montreal and Quebec. They attended a Meiners' family picnic in Washington. When they're not hiking every week, they take classes at the University Legacy College for seniors. They attend many cultural events in D.C. and Maryland, and they copy edit three free, non-profit publications. They planned this spring to take a wine-tasting and hiking trip to Sonoma, Calif., and they hope to join a British hiking group in September on a vacation in the Canadian Maritimes.

Pat Gray Proulx saw **Sally Stone Kendall** when she visited Virginia Beach. **Marianne Carrano Raphaely** and Russ are happy to have their kids and grandchildren nearby. Russ continues to ignore the word "retirement," and Marianne continues full time with her galas, etc. She just became a board member of Medics Research Institute. Marianne will be on a trip to Normandy the week before the reunion. She and Russ spent the first two weeks of December in Hawaii.

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim spent the holidays on their boat cruising wherever they wanted. **Irene Piscopo Rodgers** moved to Long Island (Huntington) in July after 34 years of living in Connecticut. She now works only two weeks a month. She and Don traveled to Bermuda in June and spent three weeks on the West Coast in October. They spent a week traveling the Lewis and Clark Oregon/Washington trail by paddle wheeler — one week down the Oregon coast and one week in California. The highlight was their stay at the Tickly Pink Inn in Carmel in the same room where they spent part of their honeymoon. Irene is one of our reunion co-coordinators, along with **Dodie Reeder Hruby**, and will appreciate any suggestions you might have. Irene wrote that **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen** has retired to play with her four grandchildren.

Phyllis Hartleb Rowley and Jim's 14th Christmas picture featured a fine-looking family! You can see son Jay with wife Kris, daughter Caroline and son Nicholas. Next on the sofa are Philip and Jill with Philip Jr., Jackson and Jennifer, then Dave and Darlene with Charlotte, all presided over by Phyll and Jim. The newest addition is John, born to Dave and Darlene after the photograph was taken. Phyll and Jim stay busy with golf. Phyll continues to play tennis, swim and walk. She is an official for the charity work at the Trump International LPGA and the Honda Classic at Mirasol. During the year, they toured the Caribbean Isles and took trips to San Francisco, Florida and Mexico. They attended all the Miami Hurricane games. All 15 family members were planning to be at Disney World in January.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas and Spiros are well. He published a second revised edition of his book, *OXI*, about Greece and WWII. He continues his work in written and court translations. Ann is now teaching in a science cluster (K-4), 25 classes a week in a brand new school. She said it's hard work but a lot of fun. Greg is still a paramedic, but has received orders from the National Guard for four months of paramedic training. They don't know what's next. Anastasia is still working for Prentice-Hall and living in Plainsfield, N.J., with her husband. Ann spent Thanksgiving in Fredericksburg with her family.

All is well with **Priscilla Brown Wardlaw** and her sons. **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and Arch sent a great picture via their newsletter. We see Alan and Dale, daughter Tracey with husband Andy and their two girls, Molly and Anna. They included pictures of their 1770's log house and their antique shop in Woodstock. **Martha Huffman Wood** continues her role as president of the VEA Retired Persons Association.

Barbara Barndt Miller broke her right arm in October, but by the time you read this, she will be horseback riding again. She had a great trip to visit her brother, Chuck, in California in June. Bobbie wants less responsibility and asked someone else to house the foxhounds she and Ralph kept for more than 28 years. She also decreased the number of her horses from 19 to nine. This year in May, Bobby presented the Ralph D. Miller Jr. Memorial Perpetual Trophy for the Best-PA Bred Horse at the Devon Horse Show. Ralph was inducted into the National Show Hunter Hall of Fame in Pennsylvania.

As you know, from many years of writing, there is a lapse of several months before the current issue of *MWC Today* is published. Unfortunately, I did not know that **Eleanor Markham Old**

had passed away until Arthur wrote me with the sad news after my column had gone to press. Eleanor died in May 2003 after a gallant fight with cancer. Arthur wrote that life has been almost intolerable without his wife and friend of 43 years. He stays busy with his flying, teaching and various organizations such as the Sons of the Revolution. Their son, Jim, and family are still in Norfolk. Jim plans to retire from the Navy at the end of his current tour of duty. His wife, Beth, is studying to become a nurse. Their oldest son, Parker, concentrates on soccer, and Tyler is into swimming.

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Last fall was hectic with traveling east in October to close down my mom's place and drive a carload of stuff back to California, then a business trip to Korea in November, and finally a three-week holiday trip to North Carolina and New York City to see our kids and continue our search for retirement possibilities in the Carolinas. I returned to California with many things undone and a rush to get organized — at home and at work. I quickly sent off a hurried e-mail to classmates for news for the class notes, adding the news that our long-awaited dream of being grandparents will be fulfilled this June. Daughter-in-law Carol will take a break from performing in "Mamma Mia" on Broadway this summer for the joyful event.

Carolyn Barnett Wright, proud grandmommie of two, said her very best Christmas present was the news that her daughter, Danielle, is expecting another in August. "What blessings these children are. They wrap themselves around your heart in such a special way." Roomie **Barbie Steen Paulman** also extolled the joys of being a grandma, having son Fred's new daughter and 2-year-old son nearby. Daughter Julia has two, also, but Barbie and Roger have to go to England to see them — however, they do love the excuse. With six grandchildren, **Peggy Howard Hodgkins** has to control her "shop till you drop" syndrome. She says her bi-monthly trips to see her mom tempt her, since Florida seems to be fertile bargain territory. Peggy keeps busy as moderator of her church and manager of her properties. She said her yearly highlight is her winter Broadway jaunt — this year trying to catch our Carol in "Mamma Mia."

Due for her seventh grandchild in February, **Debbie Phinney Wylie** also raved about the joy it brings her. Debbie and **Brownie Marshall McElroy** are in constant touch, and she said it is so much fun to be part of each other's lives, however vicariously. **Lynne Williams Neave** and I instant-message nearly every day, too, and I know how Debbie feels. Lynne and Sandy took a cruise of the Eastern Mediterranean, including Italy, last fall and spent February and November in Florida. They arranged to be home over the holidays, so our whole family visited their beautiful Manhattan home for Christmas Eve dinner, and then we hosted them on Christmas Day in our son's new Queens co-op, which Sandy's attorney son, Parker, helped Don and Carol buy. It was a very warm and loving time.

Another traveler, **Pat Pollock McFarland**, enjoys winter desert life in California. She and her husband spent 12 days in the Czech Republic exploring the beautiful countryside and fabulous city of Prague. They went on to Africa — Cape Town, majestic Victoria Falls and Zimbabwe, two safari camps in Botswana, and then to the fabulous Royal Malewane in Thornybush National Reserve, near Kruger Park. She said they left part of their hearts with the beautiful African people. Pat and her former roomies, **Elizabeth "Jeri" Stockton Key** in Beaufort, S.C., and **Joan Pouso Thomas** in Fair Haven, N.J., dream of getting together one of these days! Pat's sister, **Marilou Pollock Lundberg** '64, is now living less than three blocks from Pat — all those years, and now they can walk to share coffee with each other.

In 2002 following his recovery from cancer surgery, Jim and **Mary Dodson Larson** took a 25-day Mediterranean cruise. They also took a three-week train trip through the Canadian Rockies, traveling by private rail car. They had just returned from a cruise on Holland America to the Western Caribbean when she sent her news. Their oldest daughter, Mary Llewellyn, is a captain with ASA, and their youngest daughter is in Brooklyn, N.Y., with Boston Consulting Group and is a professional photographer on the side.

Off on a week-long cruise in the Caribbean in February were **Connie Booth Logothetis** and **Janie Riles**. They met in Ft. Lauderdale, where Janie's dad lives, and were looking forward to having fun together with some high-school classmates who would be on the trip. Janie will take a group of painters to France again for the fourth year in September. She invites all MWC classmates who are interested to come along. She still enjoys San Diego and is particularly enjoying her first grandchild, who lives close by and visits often. Her Web site is www.JaneRiles.net.

Connie's letter was full of news of travel and family. Sister **Barbara "Linkey" Booth Green** '63, has moved to Carlisle, Pa., and now Connie and Andy have most of their family within 100 miles. Their kids surprised them with a wonderful 40th wedding anniversary brunch in September. They spent the year traveling — Colorado and Virginia for skiing, Hawaii for a nephew's wedding, Italy for an MIT mini-reunion, and Western North Carolina for a B&B trek.

Soho Press published **Kelly Cherry**'s novel, *We Can Still Be Friends,* in 2003, and Louisiana State University is reprinting her novel *In the Wink of an Eye* in paperback this fall. Meanwhile, back on the farm, Kelly's husband is busy sanding and refinishing the floors of their new, old farmhouse!

Bill and **Marcia Minton Keech** had a great evening at MWC's An Historic Celebration in October '03. Stuart and **Sylvia McJilton Woodcock** were there, and the four had a ball catching up and comparing damage from Hurricane Isabel. They talked with a lot of the regular attendees and met some outstanding current students. It was a spectacular evening, and Marcia encourages anyone to give to the alumni fund.

"Thanks be to the class notes!" said **Matte McCeney Campbell**, who read in last summer's *MWC Today* that **Sue Wilson Sproul** would welcome classmates coming to Colorado Springs. Since she was heading that way the next week, she called Sue, spent the day with her, and had a wonderful visit while Matte's husband, Gil, was teaching that week at Colorado College. Matte and Sue were both English majors from Richmond during our college years. Sue reported that she and Matte found a lot to talk about, and that she would be delighted if other classmates would get in touch if they find they will be coming to the Springs. Sue is finding it hard to live 1,600 miles from Alexandria and her two grandbabies, but she and Dave find many distractions out west, like the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and their Over the Hill Gang ski club. She is continuing to take a variety of art classes, attending the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, working on her drawing skills and having fun.

A darling picture of the elegant **Ellen Gotwalt Willing** and roomie **Regina Young Hall** accompanied Ellen's note telling of their visit at Gina's in Mercer Island, Wash. Bill and Ellen enjoyed a trip to Belgium and the Netherlands in May. Ellen drops by the quilt shop to see **Clara Sue Durden Ashley** when visiting her grandson in Virginia. Clara Sue and Clarence have a son and family at Edwards Air Force Base in California now, so they get west often. They are entertaining thoughts of scaling down and have put their home on the market. No hint yet as to where they will settle.

I nearly crossed overseas paths with **Carolyn Crum Pannu** last fall. She and daughter Kara were in South Korea for a week for her nephew's wedding. I arrived at Incheon Airport the day after she left. I was on a 10-day trip with our theater department's touring production, performing at the National Theatre in Seoul. It would have been quite a kick to see each other in Korea. Carolyn also visited Italy with her friend, Jack, this past year. Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** went to Italy this year, too, escaping from Hurricane Isabel and the damage to their trees in Richmond and their roof in Hertford, N.C. Lloyd's sister, **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60, continues to make good progress recovering from her serious medical battle last year.

Pat Scott Peck has had quite a year, also, flying back and forth from Florida to D.C., and lending loving support to her brother, who is suffering from another round of illnesses. Our hearts go out to them.

Betty Pace Rose e-mailed from Kentucky that she attended MWC for only one year before transferring to graduate from her home state university. Even so, after 40-plus years, she credits that one year for the foundation of her adult years.

Speaking of Kentucky, I got a letter from long lost **Lynn McCarthy**. Her computer got the best of her, so she has been out of cyber-contact for over a year. She has kept busy working on her house and yard, tackling plumbing, electricity and gardening — she could write a woman's home maintenance book, and, knowing Lynn, she probably will. Lynn heard from a lot of classmates over the holidays. **Sarah Leigh Kinberg**, **Joan Gibson Lippold**, **Marg Gilfoyle Powell** and **Becky Paris Spetz** are all well and doing some traveling. **Jane Hoffman** is spending a lot of time in Newport News with her mom. Jane keeps in contact with **Nancy Woolfolk Agee** in Richmond. All 15 of the Bud and **Graham Walker Burns** clan had a wonderful vacation in Hilton Head last July, and Graham attended a wedding in Capri — yet another '61er tourist in Italy.

Lynn also heard from **Lila Davis** '63, who is living in Virginia Beach. She recently retired from genealogical research and traveling around despite several angioplasties in 2003. Lynn's little sister, **Evelyn Brooke Barnes** '62, found an ocean front home to rent for two years with her little Scotty dog and is thankful not to have the problems of beach ownership. **Eleanor "Dodie" Day Tyrrell** '60 totally enjoys living in Sacramento, now under the shadow of the Governator. Dodie is the research manager for the state Alzheimer's disease program and a member of the disaster medical assistance team (on eight-hour notice) and tells hilarious tales of her adventures. Dick and I always enjoy her clever, charming company when she is in town. A very nice note from **Mamie Howlett Scott** '60, who "lived across the hall from **Carolyn Wright Barnette**, **Susan McGurk Shafer** and Ellen Gotwalt Willing my junior year and really enjoyed that crew," thanked the class of '61 for our efforts to get out the news from MWC friends and wished her class would keep up with their class notes. Mamie has spoken to several of her classmates hoping that

they can try to stay in contact with MWC news. We wish them luck. And to you '61ers, I so appreciate all of your efforts to stay in touch and encourage more of you to let us know what you are doing. Believe it or not, everyone is interested!

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Classmates, thank you for responding overwhelmingly to my request for news! I hope you will enjoy reading news about so many as much as I have.

Diane Lovewell Melton would love to be included in any future classmate get-togethers. She married Howard Melton last June, inherited five grandchildren and since added a granddaughter.

Joyce Rosson Addison went back to Fredericksburg several years ago to visit **Linda Vogt Musselman** and while there visited the MWC campus — including seeing all the new additions. She says that "it is still a truly beautiful place." She and Linda came to MWC from the same hometown in Ohio and remain good friends. She hopes to attend the next reunion. **Susan Woodward Kilborn** and her husband, Peter, live in Chevy Chase, Md., where she works as a real estate agent/associate. They have six precious grandchildren. Susan is a Reiki practitioner and wonders if any of you are interested in that as well.

Linda Gulnac Steelman and her husband, Bill, went to Nantucket, Mass., to retire in 1996 after careers in banking in New York City and teaching in New Jersey. Bill commuted from the island four years to complete his master's of divinity. He was ordained in May and is now the minister of adult education at First Congregational Church. Linda is on the staff as an interpreter for the Nantucket Historical Society. Their two sons are married; Rob lives in New Jersey and Pete lives in Pennsylvania. Linda said, "The only problem with island living is the distance from the children." Their home is named "Stressend," and she said if you are ever in Nantucket, look them up! She added a note to tourists: The Whaling Museum is closed until the spring of 2005 for renovation and expansion.

We'll go island hopping now over to Martha's Vineyard to visit **Nancy Slonim Aronie** and her family. Nancy has been a teaching fellow at Harvard. The class is called social reflection, and she is teaching as part of a program headed by Robert Coles, the well-known psychiatrist and writer. She said the best news, though, is that her book, *Writing From the Heart: Tapping the Power of Your Inner Voice*, has gone into its sixth printing! Hyperion/Little Brown publishes it. Nancy said, "I am so honored that people seem to be buying it from the oddest corners of he world." Unfortunately, her son, Dan, has been wheelchair-bound by MS, and, at the time she wrote in November, he was hospitalized and in serious condition with an infection of the aortic valve. He will probably need a valve replacement. I know she would appreciate your concern. Her other son, Josh, owns a "tiny, romantic, delicious" restaurant on the Vineyard called Park Corner Bistro. She would love to see you if you are visiting the island.

Wendy Shadwell and **Janice Coleman** live in an apartment in New York City. Janice was traveling to Arizona and New Mexico for a month, and Wendy was taking off on a three-week cruise to Antarctica, South Georgia Islands and the Falklands in February. She wanted to see "penguins in the wild."

My good friend and former suitemate, **Gloria Moskowitz Fischel Gilbert**, journeyed to Japan last year and had a wonderful time. She said that she "managed to squeeze a week's worth of sightseeing into each day." She had many good experiences, but she states that "the single most memorable impression was the Japanese people themselves," who were so polite and helpful. Gloria is expecting another grandchild this year and loves grandmotherhood as much as I do.

Linda Herold Hansen and her husband, Rick, have bought property 30 miles north of Austin, in Georgetown, Texas, and will be building on it soon. They are retiring there from Oklahoma. They both got new golf clubs and are ready for the links.

Faye Russell Hatcher Haggerty had a hip replacement just over a year ago and is now "ready to dance a holiday jig," for she, too, is retired. She worked at the Woodland Country Day School for 29 years. Her husband, John, is mostly retired. Highlights of their lives during 2003 included a trip to MWC for our 40th reunion and a family vacation at the Outer Banks in North Carolina, with four generations of their family.

Leah Headley Samuelson left on a train in 1963 from Richmond to Pueblo, Colo., after graduation to take a teaching position there. She said this is something to tell her grandchildren, as you cannot do that anymore. Anyway, as the story goes, a certain former Quantico Marine by the name of Gordon was working for the Santa Fe Railroad and worked out of the train depot, where she first set foot on Pueblo soil. The next spring a mutual friend introduced them, and they were married in '67. Gordon retired from the railroad after 40 years. They have one son. Leah treasures her education, experience and friends from MWC.

Pat Branstetter Revere is still serving on the alumni board for MWC. She recently served on the College image and university name committee. She and her husband, Jim, traveled with the MWC President's Travel Club to France in October and had a wonderful time. Pat and Jim will be off to Maui next.

I am proud to tell you that our oldest son, J. Randall Wheeler, has recently been hired as the county administrator for Spotsylvania County, Va., just south of Fredericksburg — and closer to us. Keep those letters and e-mails coming!

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Now that we have passed the 30-year milestone, the common news shared by classmates includes 30-year wedding anniversaries, children in or finished with college and pursuing their own careers, and the latest common thread: those enjoying being grandmothers.

In last year's news, I mentioned that I missed the 30th reunion due to a trip to Italy. There is more to tell. You know when your local travel agent (or Hollywood) talks about that "perfect vacation" and then nothing ever pans out that way? Well, this really was the perfect vacation — a culinary tour of Tuscany as a 30th wedding anniversary celebration with many members of my more rambunctious side of the family. Bruce and I are hooked and are already planning for another European soiree this summer.

I retired the first of this year after six years at QUALCOMM. Everyone claimed that I would be bored within two weeks, but I manage to occupy my time with tennis, golf, traveling, a kitchen remodel and glamorous lunches. Bruce continues his consulting work at Booz Allen. Terri and Kelly are still doing super — Terri is a business strategy consultant for Deloitte in Los Angeles, and Kelly is moving dynamic marketing initiatives forward for Marimba in San Francisco. In spite of busy schedules, the family managed to get together to cheer Kelly through two triathlons, one being a half ironman race; and I competed in the National 4.5 Senior Tennis Championship.

Hearing about my trip to Tuscany, **Aloyse Keefe Murphy** asked for recommendations, as she and her husband planned to tour the area last July before picking up a cruise going down the coast from Rome to Sicily and Malta. Aloyse still lives in Northern Virginia, where she teaches, and husband Bob is still working with Naval Reactors. She missed our reunion, as she accompanied Bob on a business trip to the United Kingdom. They still sail and recently bought their retirement sailboat. Bob is hoping to sail to Florida and the Bahamas.

Dale Cole Carter finished her MBA degree last May and was named outstanding 2003 MBA graduate at Indiana University/South Bend. Her graduation gift was a trip to London last December. She is still the IT manager of decision support at Notre Dame and is in the midst of an ERP implementation. Her oldest son, David, is teaching at IU and is still in graduate school there. The twins, Rachel and Chris, are finishing their senior year in college. Dale and **Robin Rucker Sullivan** '74 are collaborating on a business plan for a new non-profit as part of the annual social venture plan competition at Notre Dame.

Susie Baril Bourne and husband Royce celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to California. They flew to Los Angeles and drove up the coast almost to the Oregon border, staying in some really wonderful B&Bs. Susie continues subbing in middle school and tutoring math at home. Christyne passed the Kentucky bar in February 2003 and is still working for Spriggs and Hollingsworth in D.C., where she and husband Rich enjoy their condo near the Capitol building. Erin stayed in Greenville, S.C., after graduation and is working for Ryan Homes in the sales and marketing department.

Last June **Susan Regan** moved to the district office to assume responsibilities as the director of personnel for the school district. She transitioned to a new computer program, aligning the human resources side with payroll. The system went live in time for the first payday of January 2004. In February, Susan took a well-deserved

vacation with all the Regan girls (five of them) and spouses, going on a cruise to the western Caribbean.

Marjorie Walsh Shepherd and husband John have four girls: Sara, Laura, Rosemary, and Margaret. Sara got married in October 2002 to Petri Laurimaa, whom she met in Limerick during her year in Ireland after college. Laura graduated from Warren Wilson College in May 2003 and is working for Americorps, based in Denver. Rosemary is a senior in high school, and is on the executive council. Margie and youngest daughter, Margaret, took a trip last summer to Costa Rica, where they saw an active volcano, giant sea turtles, the rain forest and did the canopy tour. John is still working in the zoning department. Hurricane Isabel hit his installation last fall. In addition to teaching eighth grade, Margie attended the U.S. Institute of Peace seminar in D.C., last August, worked with social studies student-teachers last fall, and mentored teachers going through the national board process. In addition, she and John managed a wonderful trip to Paris last November; this summer, they are planning to take a group to Peru — Machu Picchu, Cuzco and Lake Titicaca are a few of their stops.

Vivian "Vicki" Wilson Watts and husband Harry celebrated 30 years of marriage. They have three children. Hope is a social worker/child psychologist in northern Pennsylvania. She is married and has a toddler son, Tyler. Son Scott recently moved to Virginia and is teaching math in Dinwiddie County. He also is married and has a toddler son, Isaac. Youngest son, Steven, graduated this spring with a degree in graphic arts from Messiah College in Pennsylvania. Vicki has a master's degree in education from Oral Roberts University and is teaching Spanish in King William County. Harry retired from the military in 1996, and Vicki and Harry have settled back in Virginia.

Patricia Stewart had *déjà vu* sending her children off to college. She was hoping to start an MWC legacy with her two sons, but they went to JMU and Longwood instead. She has lived in Tidewater since 1974, when she was stationed there to fulfill a service obligation after completing the physical therapy program at the University of Pennsylvania. Patty continues to work full time as a physical therapist. After working in a wide variety of settings, including her own private practice for 20 years, Patty decided in 1994 to focus on upper extremity disorders and earned the hand therapy specialist certification in 1999. Eight years ago, she traded a house and yard work for a condo and biking. In February 2003, she married Bob Traub, a financial planner. E-mails are welcome: patriciagstewart@hotmail.com

Cindy Thaxton Grogan and husband Mike have one daughter, Danielle, who is married and has a toddler son, Kaedron. Cindy works as a realtor in Bakersfield, Calif. Since her days at MWC, Cindy has lived in Miami, Fla.; Anchorage, Alaska; Valdez, Alaska; Esfahan, Iran; Judibana, Venezuela; Odessa, Texas; and El Toro, Calif. Of the classmates I have heard from, Cindy gets the award for living in the most exotic places. Want to guess — could husband, Mike, somehow be connected with oil?

Gay Bruce Negus' oldest son, Bruce, is still working for Brickman and has been promoted to the next level of management. The new position required that he move to Charlotte, N.C. Ashby graduated from the University of Tennessee last May and moved to Dallas, Texas, last August. She is participating in a two-year critical care and trauma nurse internship at Parkland Hospital. Upon completion, she will have the opportunity to sit for examinations to obtain additional national certifications in the nursing field. Louise was presented at the 2003 Chattanooga Cotton Ball last July. She is a junior at UT and has been accepted to the master's program in the college of education. Her emphasis will be in special education. Gay's husband, Dean, continues with Paradigm Solutions. In addition, Dean is stepping high in the woods. His hunting trip to Arkansas this year was eventful. He shot two deer, one of which was an eight-point buck! Gay continues her association with the Challenger Learning Center. Her daily visits to Mars seem to be more real as mankind celebrates the landing of the Mars Spirit Rover. In her spare time, after her return to Earth, she tutors mathematics at home.

Each year we get news from classmates we haven't heard from since graduation. It is such a pleasure to hear from all of you. Now that I am retired, I will have the time to get your news in twice a year, so keep the cards, letters and e-mails coming.

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From Lina:

Susan Early Decesari's husband, Bob, was in Washington, D.C., last fall for Naval Reserves and had dinner with Jon and me. Bob and Jon served together in the Navy in San Diego. I am grateful to Sue and Bob for introducing me to Jon in October 1976. I heard from **Cathy Trenis Allis** at Christmas, and she has moved from Lynchburg to Colorado Springs, Colo.

Melanie Varnerin Viscelli lives in Branchburg, N.J., with Tom, her husband of 26 years. Melanie is the director of the Princeton area office of Monday Morning Inc., a family childcare management service. Their son, Tom, is a second lieutenant in the Army, serving in Iraq and managing about 25 schools — repairs, supplies, etc. — and paying back Uncle Sam for his ROTC scholarship to Princeton University. Daughters Elissa and Christina are at home.

Phyllis Highland is beginning her 28th year of teaching second grade in the same school, Unionville Elementary in Orange County, Va., same grade and same classroom. Is that a record or what? Phyllis became trained as a master teacher for Intel® Teach to the Future last summer and is in the process of becoming NEST*T certified. She is also training to become a master teacher for the National Teacher Training Institute.

Marsha Updike Melton has been a financial adviser with Legg Mason in the Bedford, Va., office for 10 years. She said she is finally using her economics degree for something other than balancing her checkbook! Marsha spent 18 years as a magistrate and chief magistrate before making a career change at age 40. She absolutely loves helping people meet their financial goals. It is such a rewarding experience. Her husband, Jim, owns a printing and office supply business and two years ago suffered a massive heart attack. He has recovered very well, but it has limited his activities somewhat. Their three children are doing well. Liz lives and works in Destin, Fla., after attending Longwood College and later working as a ski instructor. Liz loves the resort life and has found a way to be happy and self-sufficient. Ben is a second classman at VMI, where he is an economics major, and he will probably join the military after graduation. Tom is a sophomore at Hampden-Sydney College, also an economics major. After spending a term studying in London and Scotland in spring 2003, he wants to live in Europe. They all enjoy spending time together, when college breaks, snow skiing, scuba diving and riding Harleys permit. Marsha's motorcycle was a 50th birthday present from Jim and has added excitement to their lives! Marsha stays in touch with **Frances Jones,** a classmate who transferred to U.Va. her junior year. She is a dentist in Houston, Texas, specializing in cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry. She is married and has a son, John Michael. Frances travels a lot, and she and Marsha have been able to meet in various places and visit when their travel plans coincide.

Kathy Brydges Ames reported that her family's big news is the wedding of eldest daughter, Mollie, in May 2004. Mollie will be teaching special education in Henrico County while pursuing her master's degree at VCU. Daughter Gretchen will attend Grove City College in Pennsylvania in the fall. Daniel will be in ninth grade. Husband Jimmy is chairman of the computer science department at VCU. Kathy tutors ESL students, plays tennis, leads a girls' Bible study and teaches 2-year-old Sunday schoolers. She will be leading a missions trip (her 11th) to a Russian orphanage in July.

Carol Pappas Bartold lost her mother in October 2003. She said that **Daisy Hash Krout** and **Deb Relyea Johnson** came to Smyrna, Del., for her mother's funeral, and she appreciated that so much. Carol has been busy working on her mother's estate, and in fact she has even taken a hiatus from singing until after the first of the year. That, in addition to assuming responsibility for her father, who is in a nursing home, has taken up most of her time. In the meantime, Carol is still writing. She has a couple of manuscripts submitted that editors are interested in, but this seems to be a long process. She is writing for the Glendale Chamber of Commerce, and that's a lot of fun. In addition to the trips to handle family matters, Carol made a trip to Delaware in January to celebrate her grandmother's 100th birthday.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Wright planned to return this month to Barbados for the second annual National Trust railroad hike. On last year's June vacation, interested in the hike description in the AAA Guide Book, she found instead of the regular 3-5 mile Sunday hike, it was the first hike to commemorate 30 years of the National Trust Sunday heritage hikes. The hike, planned along the original railroad bed, is 24 miles long. Elizabeth lasted for 13 miles and now can claim walking across the lower width of the island. For geography buffs, this part goes from Bridgetown on the West Coast to Consett Bay on the East Coast — not bad for a certified couch potato. Adopted by one of the National Trust board members and the creator of the railroad hike idea, Elizabeth was imparted the secret to no blisters: smear your feet with Vaseline. At first she thought it to be pretty disgusting, but after proof of no blisters, she declares it's not a bad idea. She didn't have a remedy for the sore muscles, though. Invited to return for the second annual hike, she hopes to see if her idea has been implemented: to place the hike map on the back of the T-shirts so when you are trudging along, you are encouraged to chart your progress. Since several hundred people turn out for the hike, there would be plenty of opportunity to see progress. She found that walking over the coral gravel/dirt in the sugar cane fields is hard work! Through further good luck, she met both the director restoring the George Washington House, the former speaker of their Parliament House, and top executives of Mount Gay Rum distilleries. While there was no formal meeting of the resident ghost at the

National Trust Office, the ghost was definitely heard.

Mary "Ditto" Smith Christensen and her family still live in Maryland but have moved to the city of Hollywood and into what her husband, John, would like to turn into a compound, as it is surrounded by woods and wildlife. Their three children are definitely busy and thriving. Jack graduated from Greensboro College in August 2002, lives in Centreville, Va., and has a terrific job as assistant manager for Centreville Tire and Auto in Ashburn. He is engaged to Marie Hnatow from Asheville, N.C., and they plan to be married in October. Patrick is in his junior year at Bucknell University, where he plays lacrosse. He enjoys college life, excels academically, and especially enjoys his fraternity and lacrosse. Page is a junior at Leonardtown High School, where she is doing very well academically, and participates in soccer, lacrosse and swimming year-round. She also is quite the artist and is looking for a school where she can play lacrosse and continue her art. John retired from the Navy after 27 years and is an executive director for ManTech. When he is not working, he is very involved with the kids' activities and Ditto's honey-do lists. Ditto went back to school and got certified to teach K-8. This is her fifth year teaching sixth-grade language arts and reading. She really enjoys teaching students with learning challenges. She also loves snow days! Teaching is the hardest thing she has attempted yet. She wishes the powers-that-be would let teachers teach instead of all the other things demanded of them. Ditto coached and refereed soccer for 14 years, but decided to change sports and has coached high-school girls lacrosse for the last two years. She has loved it. She is also involved in the recreational girls lacrosse program for the county. She is thrilled to be a part of something brand new.

Jan Hausrath-Seddelmeyer has lived in Washington since 1982 and has been a senior vice president at APCO Worldwide, a global communications consulting firm, since 1993. Jan married in March 1999 — a wonderful man, David Seddelmeyer, who is a senior attorney in the office of appeals at the National Labor Relations Board. In November 2002, they adopted daughter Jinny Grace from China. Jinny is now a chatty and active 3-year-old. In the coming year, their family hopes to travel to Austria to visit with Jan's sister, **Jill Hausrath Zobel** '71, her husband, Konrad, and daughter Laura.

Maria Oliver Sumanski in New Jersey wrote that oldest daughter, Elisa, graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 2002 with a major in political science. Son Frank graduated from Rutgers University in December 2003 with a major in economics. Youngest daughter, Mary Kate, is a sophomore in high school. Maria's husband, Joseph, retired recently, so they are entering stage two of life, or maybe just repeating an earlier stage. They live with a full house, as all the kids are living at home again. Even though it's just temporary, they are having fun being together.

Mary Turner Andrews DeWorken has been married for 23 years and has four children: Leigh, Peter, Matthew and Danielle. She and her husband stay busy with the children, grandchildren and church. She is a "gammy" two times over, as her son, Peter, and his wife, Lorie, have two precious little girls: Bonnie and Sophie.

Sarakay Bourne Eyring and her husband, Barry, will be married for 25 years in August. She said that it's hard to believe how quickly time has flown. Son Richard has completed his first year in college at SUNY/Oneonta and is doing well. He hopes to add some sax playing to his college experience. He has continued to work at a local camp doing both childcare and maintenance when he has been home. Daughters Katie and Annie are in Putnam Valley High School in 11th and ninth grades, respectively. Katie is hoping to get some college credits by taking AP and college courses during high school and is involved in varsity swimming and varsity softball. She works as a lifeguard during the summer. Annie is just beginning her high-school experience with a solid honors schedule and is doing competitive dance throughout the year and JV softball for school. Sarakay and her husband continue to work in education. She is a fifth-grade special education teacher, and after 25 years, she still loves it (not every second mind you, but overall). Barry is an assistant principal for the Tech Center for Dutchess County. He also enjoys moving kids in a positive direction. Sarakay's mother, **Winifred Canada Bourne** '48, lives in North Reading, Mass., and is doing well. She visits them in New York several times a year. She continues to have her hand in antiquing by putting things into a booth in an antique market in Cambridge. Sarakay's brother and his two boys live with her and keep her lively.

Randy "R. R." Hume is married to **Betty Barnhardt Hume** '71. They have two daughters: Janet, a senior at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, and Robin, a sophomore at UNC-Wilmington. They live in Fredericksburg, and Randy commutes by rail to Alexandria, where he is the media services director and webmaster for Radian Inc. He plays golf every chance he gets.

Terry Talbott Smith is still married to the guy she met on an MWC blind date, Lewis Smith, for 29 years now. They officially became empty nesters in 2003 as their first-born graduated from James Madison University, got married and moved to Arizona. The bride is a graphic designer, while her husband is training to be a recording engineer. Terry's younger daughter finished high school (as class salutatorian) in June and is an honors student majoring in biomedical engineering at VCU. They have made their home in Roanoke since 1976, where Terry has pursued a variety of writing-related career paths, most notably 12 years as a free-lancer while their kids were in school. Last year, she became marketing and communications director for United Way of Roanoke Valley, where she can satisfy her philanthropic, save-the-world urges while earning pay and a benefits package. Lewis, happy as a self-employed medical sales rep, probably will never retire, but they are thinking of moving from a family house into more charming quarters. Sailing, tennis, volunteerism and keeping track of their kids occupy their leisure time. Terry looks forward to one day reestablishing some long-dormant MWC ties.

Jan Pace Brice still lives in Valdosta, Ga., which is 15 minutes from the Florida border on I-75. Jan has been employed at a very nice retirement community for the past 12 years and was promoted to executive director three years ago. The retirement community has a total of 107 units: independent, assisted living and a recently added Alzheimer's wing. She absolutely loves her job! There is something different going on every day. Jan has been very involved in the community with things like the Junior Service League, Leadership Lowndes, Rotary, several boards and her church, but this year will rotate off many of these. Jan was nominated Valdosta Woman of the Year last year, but another deserving woman took that title. She has a cake business on the side, and that also keeps her busy, especially with weddings. Their daughter, Rebecca, enjoys cake decorating and is becoming quite good at it. Son Colby is into hunting right now. He comes by it honestly, having a dad who sometimes hunts three different things in one day. Jan is a hunter's widow from October until the end of January, so she and Rebecca take a lot of weekend and day trips. They do reap the benefits of these hunts, having learned to eat everything her husband brings home. As he loves to say, they "live off the land" during this time.

Barbara Buchanan Shepherd received a promotion in her 10th year at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. She is now senior program director for education. Through her work in arts education, she had the pleasure of an invitation last year from another MWC alumna, **Susan Shaw McCalmont** '80, to speak at a forum for the DaVinci Institute in Oklahoma City. Barbara and her husband, Dave, just celebrated their 27th wedding anniversary. Dave is teaching high-school German classes; their daughter, Julie, is a freshman in high school, and their son, Ben, is a sophomore at VCU majoring in English.

Armecia Spivey Medlock and her husband, Gene, are retired from Amgen. She has been retired since August 2001 and Gene since October 2002. They highly recommend retirement! Gene is working on perfecting his golf game, among other things, and Armecia is busier now than when she was working. She is active in the American Association of University Women and in her church, and she plays tennis. She also stays busy serving as chauffeur for their middle-school daughter, Taylor. Son Ian graduated from the University of New Mexico in December 2003 and will try his hand at the pro-golf circuit this spring. They're busy, but they are very happy and have a lot to be thankful for!

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From Lori Turley:

Vicki Reynard Thorne lives in San Jose, Calif., where she does design work. Husband Kevin loves his work at IDE. Son Drew attends the University of California/Davis; daughter Vivi is a high-school senior; son Alex is a junior; and son Erik is in fourth grade. Last August, they took a family vacation to Hawaii. Judging from the photograph Vicki sent, they had a wonderful time!

Karen Snyder Boff started out as a closet organizer last year, but then found a part-time job as an office assistant to a Mary Kay senior sales director. The hours and short commute from her home in suburban Atlanta allow Karen time to be on the parish council at her church, participate in many school volunteer activities, and, of course, take care of three daughters, a husband and a new puppy! Karen and husband Jamie went to Nashville last year to run a half-marathon. Other family travels included Myrtle Beach; Williamsburg; Virginia Beach; Roosevelt State Park in Georgia; Maryland; and a camping trip to DeSoto National Park in Alabama.

Jenny Sharp-Warthan and her family vacationed in California last summer, including a stop in San Diego, where they visited my family. Jenny

is busy with her medical practice and many community activities. She is doing better now after a motor scooter accident in Bermuda last year; she fractured her leg in four places and had to fly home for surgery. Husband Danny continues to work for York County. Daughters Christie and Morgan are in 11th and seventh grades, respectively.

Bobbie Dwyer Leon has been busy teaching math at a small private school for dyslexic children. Her evenings are packed with PTA meetings, Friday night moms' soccer and taking care of her family. Bobbie became famous this year when her picture (with her three children) appeared on the cover of *Maryland Family* magazine, which featured an article on soccer moms! Husband Jay works for Northrop Grumman; his job took him to Europe several times last year. The whole family spent their 2003 summer vacation out west, where they visited the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon National Park, Lake Powell, Zion National Park, San Diego and Las Vegas.

After graduating from MWC, **Darla Fjeld** moved to New York City, where she attended Union Theological Seminary, earning both a master of divinity degree in 1985 and a master of sacred theology degree in 1986. She then lived in London for a year, where she did an independent study of Marx and worked as a bartender in a pub. Upon return to the U.S., she began working on her Ph.D. in the philosophy of religion at Drew University in Madison, N.J. She completed it in 1998. During that time, she also worked on several political campaigns in New York, spent a summer organizing in the Iron Range of Minnesota, and helped to found the Lesbian and Gay Progressive Action organization in New York. She also spent nine years as a research associate at the Auburn Center for the Study of Theological Education, located on the campus of Union Seminary in New York. After earning her Ph.D., she taught philosophy at Baruch College in New York City. In August 2000, Darla moved to Southern California with her partner, who acts and writes plays. When they first moved to Los Angeles, they produced a show that they co-wrote, called "Crazy Ladies," which Darla directed and in which Darla's partner, Katherine Griffith, played 17 different characters. The show made a comeback at the Village Theater in Los Angeles in May. Darla also taught philosophy at El Camino College in Torrance, Calif. She has also taken a job as the executive director of Coalition L.A., a multicultural, grassroots organization whose mission is to train neighborhood leaders in low-income communities around a variety of issues such as safe, affordable housing, replacing vacant lots with parks, and fair and just development. She finds the work challenging but extremely rewarding!

Katrina Ray-Landis and her family moved last August from Singapore to St. Charles, Ill., west of Chicago. Katrina leads the business at BP's U.S. oil trading offices there. They're adjusting to the change in weather but love the area.

Glenis Riegert Pittman and husband Ken have lived in Centreville, Va., since June 1999. Their two sons, Andrew and Adam, enjoy soccer, creative arts, reading and adventures. Ken works for BAE Systems in Washington, D.C. Glenis resigned from her full-time job at American Bankers Association when they moved to Centreville. Now she enjoys managing the home, volunteering and substitute teaching. They are very active in their church ministries and youth programs.

Valerie Koenig lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, where she is the founder of Business Plans Hawaii. She provides business development advice based on market research and financial projections. **Wendy Prothro Howard** '82 lives in Franklin, Tenn., where she keeps busy teaching, coaching, hiking, camping, swimming, reading, sewing, learning, and looking after her four children and their many activities. Husband Jay works in the fund raising field.

I've been in the San Diego area for close to five years now, and in March, I started another assignment here. I'm responsible for military housing, fitness and recreation, galleys (where we feed sailors), and family and child services for the Navy in the Southwest region (California and Nevada). My husband loves his job as the commanding officer of the NROTC Unit at the University of San Diego/San Diego State University Craig and I are both very involved in the youth soccer program in our community, as are our two children.

I look forward to hearing from more of you soon!

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The ever-energetic class of 1983 is at it again. Here is the news. **Kathy Walters Along** and family spent the Christmas holidays in Disney World. Her kids keep her running around. **Mabel Royal** was doing just fine and was continuing in her job search. **Verna Williams Watson** told Mabel that she had spent a weekend with **Lesley Price**. **Melissa Santa Barbara Polo-Henston** is in Denver working hard on her doctorate in clinical psychology. She and husband Doug have three children: Erica, Jake and Erin. Melissa said if you are ever in Denver, look her up!

Wendy Burnette Dickinson and family moved into a home they were renovating right across the street from **Anne Thompson Steen**'s parents. Small world! Wendy and JB's daughters are in second and fifth grades. **Bethanne Daughtrey Bradshaw** is celebrating her 15th year with the Suffolk Public School System as coordinator of public information and community relations. Her daughter is in fifth grade, and her son is in third grade. She just finished her term as president of the Suffolk Education Foundation and is starting her fourth year as chairman of the Suffolk Walk America steering committee for the March of Dimes. Bethanne also serves on the citywide United Way cabinet. **Sharon Robertson Williamson** met **Mary "Muffin" Williamson Wilson** in Fredericksburg during December for the annual Christmas Candlelight Tour. After the tour, they went to their old haunt, Sammy T's.

Terri Patty Crumpler's son is attending VMI. Terri had successful spinal disc fusion surgery in spring 2003. At about the same time, she lost her mother suddenly. Her MWC roommate, **Brenda Wells Crafton**, called her during the reunion weekend party, though. Brenda also saw and talked to **Scott Harris** at the New Market Battlegrounds, where he was involved with the VMI Rats' reenactment of the march across the "Field of Lost Shoes" in September. **Nelly Castano Garza**'s son is attending Texas A&M. She still home-schools her 12-year-old. Her father passed away in August 2003. Nelly said that **Lloyd Martin** '81 also lost his father last July. **Laura Wong Dolloff**, a stay-at-home mom since June '02, resides in Colorado Springs with her husband and daughters Kaylee and Lauren. Laura and her family spent the Christmas holidays with her family in Panama. Her cousin, **Ramiro Wong** '82, and his wife and kids reside in Guatemala.

Diane Connelly Hunt has been working at EG&G since graduation but has been mostly part time since having children. Diane still plays piano at church and subs for the organist as well. She and husband Ronny have three boys, who play piano and baseball. During summer 2003, they finished adding on to the house they built in King George County. They drew up their own plans and did much of the work themselves. Diane's husband was diagnosed with non-Hodgkins lymphoma in fall 2003 but has been doing well and is responding to treatment. Diane says she is thankful for her family and friends that have pulled her and the family though the difficult time since her husband was diagnosed.

Teresa Childers Peterson and her husband had two great vacations in 2003: camping and kayaking in the Florida Keys and a cruise to Alaska to celebrate 17 years of marriage. They still reside in Atlanta. Teresa will have a chemistry intern working with her this summer from Spelman College and looks forward to the opportunity to mentor a young female chemist. **Glen Bell** keeps in touch with **John Middlebrook**, **Richard Zubyk** and **Greg Taylor**. They even manage to get together for a few games of disc golf in D.C. and Atlanta. At the reunion, they relived old times by playing disc golf around Marshall as they did in the good old days.

Carter Still Sonders is beginning her 10th year in the development office of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation. They are busy raising funds in preparation for the Jamestown quadricentennial. Carter has been working part time since the arrival of her two sons, Christopher and Matthew. Husband Steven still works for UPS in Newport News. Carter serves on the PTA at her son's school and is active in the Junior Women's Club of Williamsburg. In her spare time, she enjoys photography and scrapbooking. Last fall, Carter ran into **Harolyn Berry Bland** in Warrenton. Carter exchanges Christmas cards with **Jean Ehreth**, who lives in Centreville and is also from Warrenton. In Williamsburg, she works with **Laura Bailey**, who attended MWC but did not stay to graduate. Her office also hired **Mark Thaden '02**, who worked in the MWC annual fund office. In October, Carter, her husband and four other couples vacationed in Mexico at the El Dorado Royale Resort and had a blast.

Lisa Harris Coleman's daughters, Kate and Erin, are quite active in the competitive dancing world. Erin's kindergarten teacher is a 1972 MWC alum. Lisa works full time as a supervisor and is very busy like the rest of us, but she found time to meet with her MWC roommate, Kathy Walters Along, when she was attending a meeting at Princeton.

Christine "Kiki" Connerton Smith and family are happily settled into their new home in Annapolis. Luckily, the home is on the parade field at the Naval Academy, so they are in the middle of everything. This was another fabulous year for **Susan Leavitt** in real estate, as she was a top producer for her firm, McEnearney and Associates, with $10 million in sales. In one 24-hour period, she sold five homes in five different states for five different buyers! She has traveled to Santa Monica, Calif.; Naples, Fla.; Martha's Vineyard; the Outer Banks and Paris.

Amanda Smith '85 met Susan in the Grand Caymans for diving and relaxation last October. Susan also visited **Monica Rastallis Cashin** in Newport, N.H., and the new restaurant Monica is opening.

Estie Corey Thomas' son, Clay, plays soccer, Little League and is on the swim team. He also plays the piano and is a Cub Scout. Daughter Anna Brooks loves horseback riding. Estie works with the Virginia Outdoors Foundation and serves as vice president of the parents' league at school. She also teaches Sunday school. Husband Mike is a judge with the office of hearing examiners at the SCC and is a captain in the U.S. Naval Reserves. He is with the Navy logistics task force with the Pacific fleet, based on Coronado Island near San Diego. He has even taken a few trips out to sea on the *George Washington* and the *Harry S. Truman*. Mike is also a cub master for son Clay's scout troop, assistant soccer coach and

vestry member at church.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung said that they bounced back from damage caused by Hurricane Isabel. She and her husband, Neil, are celebrating 20 years of marriage. Neil is still on active duty at the Pentagon, and Andrea has been promoted to senior planner in Spotsylvania County. She also is secretary of the Virginia American Planning Association. To top it off, Andrea has started her own business making glass-beaded jewelry. Sons Brandon and Ryan keep her very busy as well.

I suffered a minor setback on Christmas Eve when I broke my foot. You should have seen the four males in my house trying to cook Christmas dinner! Hopefully, by the time you read this, I will have staged a comeback and gotten back into competition. Our oldest son, Tom, played a very real bald Daddy Warbucks in the school drama production of "Annie Jr." All three boys keep me hopping between drama rehearsals, wrestling, speech, quick recall and choir. I began my year as president of the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance in April, which means frequent trips to Chicago. I stay busy serving on committee after committee (like so many of you), taking care of the kids and hubby, and keeping my business going. Take care, and keep that news coming in!

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Hello Class of 1985! I realize that it has been quite some time since you have seen any news in this section. There has not been that much to report. I hope all that will change.

As some of you may know, for the past few years, I have been living in Indiana. During that time, my husband was working as an area sales manager for Herff Jones. After some serious soul searching, he decided to go back into sales. Lo and behold, he found a territory that was actually in the area he was currently managing — New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia — Virginia! So, late in July 2003, the family packed and moved again to Winchester, in the beautiful Shenandoah Valley. I feel as though I have returned home. I have many friends throughout the state, and it is nice to be in such close proximity to them and to MWC. I also have two brothers in the area, one in Alexandria, Va., and the other in Timonium, Md., and my mother spends about five months a year in Blowing Rock, N.C. I am working as a paralegal, being a Mom to Maddie and Becca, am active in Girl Scouts as a Brownie leader for Becca, and help my husband, Gregg, in his office part time. I also plan to go back to school this winter to work toward getting a teaching certificate.

I regularly hear from **Julie Clark**, who wrote that at the end of September, the bank that held the loan on her company, Gourmand, decided to close it down. Although she was unemployed, she has been able to profit from it by getting a lot done around the house and time to help plan her parents' 50th wedding anniversary, which took place in December 2003. She hoped to start a new job this year.

Well, it's not much, but you finally have some news to read from our class. If you would like to see more of your stories in print, please do not be a stranger. Let me know what's going on in your lives. I know most of us turned 40 this past year and are dealing with all the stress of everyday life, but it's nice to hear from you and learn what has been happening in your lives.

Take care everyone, and I hope to hear from you soon.

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Hi, classmates! I hope this newsletter finds everyone well. This year started off at the normal crazy pace that I'm sure many of you are living — juggling work, travel, home, kids and the kids' extracurricular activities. After coaching Rylie's soccer and basketball teams for a number of seasons, Dan and I decided to coach Ryan's first-grade basketball team this winter. All I can say is that boys are extremely different than girls! Ten 7-year-old boys — things got much better after I bought a whistle! Seriously though, we are having a lot of fun with it.

I didn't hear from many classmates this time, so please remember to send me a quick note for the next edition. Here's an update from some of our classmates.

Gregg Malakoff has two sons, Benjamin and Jonathan. He moved to Centreville last summer and has been working for the past three years for Nextel in Reston, where he is the senior manager for National Dealer Channel Support.

Elizabeth Casimir Bruno has completed her first year of a Ph.D. program in Latin American literature at UNC-Chapel Hill. After surviving a very hectic week of both taking and giving exams, she decided to relax in Guatemala for a month.

Julie West is married to a terrific guy and has two little ones, Ann Marie and William. She and her husband moved back to his college town (Annapolis/Naval Academy) after three wonderful years in Hawaii followed by two long years at the Pentagon. Julie worked for Naval Intelligence for 14 years but decided two years ago to stop commuting and stay at home with the children. Her former roommate, **Lisa Perdue Anderson**, lives in Richmond with three beautiful children.

At last count, **Maria "Marla" Miranda Mooney** has five children and lives in Florida. **Scoti Albrecht Kaesshaefer** is a diplomat working in Vienna, Austria, in the U.S. delegation to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). Scoti is married, has a 7-year-old son and is doing fine.

That's all the news I have for this edition. Thanks for all your correspondence. If you have a second, be sure to send me an update for the next issue!

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From Cheryl:

Amy Mumpower Atkinson and her husband welcomed their second child, Henry Wayne, in September 2003. Amy continues to work as the executive director for the Virginia Commission on Youth.

Stacey Bailey Kearney and her family relocated to Lynchburg, Va. Fortunately for Stacy, her employer is allowing her to work from home and travel to Northern Virginia once per month to attend meetings. Stacy reported reading in the local paper that **Chris Powell** was married last summer and has been working on his MBA.

Rob Teweles and his wife, **Allison Andrews Teweles** '95, continue to enjoy their son, Brian. Rob reported that **Mike Slane** was married and that **Anne Dressler Fox** and her husband, Rob, were expecting their second child in April.

Aimee Cooper Starr and her husband, David, are happy homeowners; they bought a house in Alexandria last year. **J. Suzanne Horsley** and her husband, Joe, moved to Chapel Hill, N.C., in August 2003. Suzanne is a Park Doctoral Fellow in the school of journalism and mass communication at UNC-Chapel Hill, majoring in public relations. She is planning to teach at the college level after finishing the three-year program.

Kathy Opiela Valentine and her husband, Pratt, had a nice Thanksgiving and Christmas with their families. They had a big party in November for Pratt's 40th birthday. Kathy has had a lot of traveling on her calendar! She went on a week-long girls trip to Mexico and had a blast. They flew into Cancun, drove to Merida (stopping at the ruins at Chitzen Itza along the way) and then, after a few days, drove to Playa del Carmen. She and Pratt spent a long January weekend in Canaan Valley, W.Va., doing some downhill and cross country skiing. They followed that with a trip to New Orleans!

Jen Studt Schimmenti and her husband, Mike, continue to renovate their home in Falls Church, Va. They have only two rooms left to renovate! They adopted a great dog last year — a huge Rottie mix named George. Jen traveled a lot this past year for the Nature Conservancy, planning meetings around the world in Costa Rica, Mexico and about a half-dozen U.S. states.

Matt Mejia visited **Mike Weil** and his wife, Jen, who are enjoying life in Maryland with their baby son, Jacob. Mike has a great job with the National Capital Planning Commission in Washington, D.C.

Cindy Rush Reasoner and her husband, Zane, moved to Chesterfield around the time that Hurricane Isabel hit. They enjoy their baby boy, Dylan Zane, who was born just a month before they moved into their new home. Talk about a hectic move! Cindy is an assistant principal in Chesterfield, and Zane is a P.A. with a surgical group in Richmond.

I moved back to Roanoke, Va., the week before Christmas. I am practicing law in a small firm and am happy to be living in town. I frequently see **Kim Blair Vosskamp** and her husband, Mark, who are doing quite well. My former MWC roommate, **Mary Coleman Zirkle**, earned a master's degree in planning from Virginia Tech; she and husband Richard are doing well and live close by in Vinton, Va.

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From Megan:

Wow! I am really thrilled by all of the responses I got from our classmates this year. I am so glad to have heard from all of you, and since there is so much news to share, I'll get down to business!

Beverly Hoover has earned a master's degree in international development from the London School of Economics. She is the country director in Azerbaijan for the Cooperative Housing Foundation. Her office is located in the capital city of Baku.

Jennifer Dalmas has spent the last eight years in graduate school at Florida State University studying violin performance. She is now the professor of violin and viola at Stephen F. Austin University in Texas. **Rose Burnley Gallitz** earned her master's degree in curriculum and instruction from GMU. She is now a national board-certified teacher of world geography at Woodbridge High School in Virginia. Her husband, **Donnie**, is teaching technology education at Graham Park Middle School in Dumfries, Va.

Gina Hernandez Lister graduated with a doctorate in higher education from Texas Tech University She and her husband, Zach, live in Washington state, where Gina is working as the fitness coordinator of the new recreation center at the University of Washington in Seattle. **Nicole Lemieux Whitlatch** left MWC to attend the Boston University School of Medicine and is now in her second year of an internal medicine residency-training program at the Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital (part of the Harvard Medical School training program). After one more year of training, Nicole is hoping to specialize in hematology/oncology in North Carolina.

Neil Haycocks earned his doctorate in experimental pathology from the University of Texas medical branch in 2001 and is now working on his M.D. at the Medical College of Virginia.

Neil also reported that **John Cagle** is married and is living part of the year with Neil while he completes his doctorate in social work at VCU.

Nicole Louise Reid has published her first novel, *In the Breeze of Passing Things*. She teaches creative writing at Penn State/Erie, The Behrend College. **Rick Stocks** and his wife, Carol, have relocated to St. Louis, Mo., where they have opened a Bikram yoga studio. Rick spent several weeks in Los Angeles studying directly with Bikram Choudhury, the founder of Bikram yoga. **K. Jason Bryan** lives in the Twin Cities, where he works as the resident equity stage manager for the Pillsbury House Theatre in Minneapolis and also as business manager for Lakeshore Players Community Theatre in White Bear Lake.

Tiffany Whitt was married in April 2004 to Jeff Pany in Raleigh, N.C. They plan to settle in Tempe, Ariz. **Christine Ohlen**'s marriage to Jason Lamont was set for this month. They are both captains in the USAF stationed at Ramstein AFB in Germany.

Rebecca LeJeune Denton was married to her husband, James, in December 2002. **Kristen Griesert Maher** was one of her bridesmaids. Rebecca and James reside in Abilene, Texas, where James is stationed at Dyess AFB. **Becky Markham Templeton** was married in September 2003 to the Rev. Timothy Earnhardt. Becky is working as a CPA in Lynchburg, and Tim is the minister of their church. Becky's news was reported to me by **Shelby Hill Bowers**, who lives in Knoxville, Tenn., with her husband, Danny, their son, Jamie, and Danny's two children. Shelby is working for Peninsula Village, which is a residential treatment center for adolescents.

Chip Riley built a new home in the country outside of Charlottesville, Va., where there is law and order because Chip got rid of the suit and tie and is now a cop with the Charlottesville police, and his wife is practicing law! **Susanna Engvall Scallion** married Mark, and they now live in Easton on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. They are living on site at the Pickering Creek Audubon Center, where Mark is the director.

Cari Davis married Craig Browne, and they have a daughter named Savannah, who was born in August 2002 with DiGeorge syndrome. Cari and her husband wanted to include their thanks to **Gail Sherwood Cervarich** '72, their cardiac social worker, for all of her support during this difficult time.

Jennifer Orr is married to **Jeff McClurken** '94, who is an assistant professor in the MWC history department. Jennifer and Jeff celebrated the birth of their first child, Kathryn. Jennifer teaches elementary school in Fairfax County and still plays the harp for weddings and parties. **Tanya Shelton Overbey** and her husband were expecting their first child, a boy, in January 2004. Tanya teaches high-school government in Altavista, Va.

Leslie Fitzgerald Alger lives in Clermont, Ga., with her husband, Kevin, and their daughter, Katherine Madison. Leslie is a stay-home mom. Also in the stay-at-home mom category is **Maria Webb Stout**, who, along with husband **Ken Stout** '97, traveled to Johannesburg, South Africa, to adopt a little boy from the Xhosa tribe. **Emily Curtis Klotz** was married to Jim Klotz in 2001. She has two children, William and Adelaide, and enjoys being home with them while still keeping her hand in historic preservation by serving as a commissioner on Schenectady, N.Y.'s historic commission. **Anna Hash Studer** and her husband, **Scott Studer** '97, are living in New Market, Md., where Anna is at home with their daughter, Rebecca. Anna and Scott were expecting their second child at the end of December 2003.

Amy Bonnes McFarland and her husband celebrated the birth of their second daughter, who was born on their first daughter's second birthday! Amy planned to return to school to pursue her master's degree in political science. **Dorie Fryling Fink** is living in Iowa City, Iowa, with her husband, Steve, and their two sons.

James Lowke is employed with Capital One in Tampa, Fla. He lives in Tampa with his wife, Jamie, and their son, L.J. — short for Little James. **Misty Serig Doyle** lives in Naples, Fla., with her husband and two little boys. Misty teaches kindergarten at Bonita Springs Charter School.

Sara Shoaf Burnette and her husband, Roger, have a house in Norfolk, Va. Sara is an early-childhood special education teacher in Virginia Beach.

Micah Dalton and his wife, Christy, are living in Richmond and were expecting their first child in March 2004. He has completed his MBA from the Fuqua Business School at Duke. **Patrick Catullo** is the assistant athletic director and tennis coach for Broward Community College in Florida. He and his wife, Linda, had their first child, a son, in October 2003. **Leah Carrano Bergson** and her husband, Eric, live on Long Island. They had a baby girl in July 2002. Leah works as a guidance counselor, while her husband is in his fifth year of residency in otolaryngology (ENT).

Linda Lam Delarosa switched jobs from First Virginia Bank (where she and I started work together right out of college) to Fannie Mae. She was expecting her first child in March 2004. Linda reported that her college roommate, **Meg Carey**, was also expecting her first child — with a due date just a few days from her own. **David Holt** was married to Heather Walden in June 2001. In May 2003, David graduated from Regent University School of Law in Virginia Beach. He passed the Virginia bar exam in October 2003 and is legislative aide to state Sen. Ken Stolle in Virginia Beach. **Adam Karst** was married in June 2000 to **Kate Ford** '96. They live in Centreville, Va., and Adam works as a geologist for HydroGeoLogic Inc. Their first child, Ian, was born in September 2002.

Thank you all for the news you sent! Please continue to keep in touch.

From Jane:

Samantha Forshey is a high-school science teacher living in Greenville, N.C. **Rebecca "Becky" Taber** married Shannon Michael Conover in 2001. MWC friend, **Marty Mitchell**, was a bridesmaid, and **Kate McAloon** and **Lara Simpson Murphy** were readers. The couple honeymooned in Ireland. They live in Simsbury, Conn., where Becky is the director of education for the Antiquarian and Landmarks Society — a heritage organization that owns and operates nine historic house museums. Her husband is president of Signs Direct Inc. Sadly, Becky's father, Kenneth Taber, passed away in December 2003.

I continue to work for Random House Inc. in New York City and launched my updated Web site: janearcherillustration.com, in March 2004. **Allison Leeds** married San Francisco native Chris Bucchere in May. I served as a bridesmaid alongside MWC alums **Sarah Fry** '97 and **Beth Lizut Earle**, who expected her first child in April. Allison is an art director for America Online, while Chris is founder and CEO of Bucchere Development Group (an enterprise portal and application integration consulting firm). Allison and Chris reside in Leesburg with their dog, Lucy. They created a gorgeous wedding Web site you are welcome to check out: www.allison-chris.com.

Wedding bells will also be ringing for **Anne Kerr**, who will marry Edward Chi in October. Anne is a physical therapist in Maryland. After traveling in Latin America for five months last year, **Kristen Green** and her boyfriend, Jason Hamilton, bought a Craftsman-style house in San Diego, where they live with their golden retriever, Mosley. **Angela Mattozzi Wentink** '96 and husband Michael also welcomed a new pup, a black lab named Jäger, into their home in San Antonio, Texas. They moved there in January 2003 for Mike's new job at USAA. Angela continues corporate communications consulting work. They absolutely love South Texas and the easy living it has afforded them.

Catherine Potts and longtime boyfriend, David Bohn, were married in St. John in the Virgin Islands in June 2003. A group of us attended the gorgeous beach ceremony, including Anne Kerr, **Tom Lipscomb** '94 (who is pursuing documentary filmmaking in North Carolina), bridesmaids **Laura Letchworth** '98 (a music therapist for NYU Medical Center) and **Kristen Barnes** (pursuing her master's in social work at VCU/NOVA campus).

There are a lot of MWC alumni in and around New York City. **Kim Ranney** '97 and **Krissy Tsantes** '97 continue to live in Astoria, Queens, while **Brian Ranney** '94 and wife Meeghan bought a home in Maplewood, N.J., in 2003.

Brian continues to work for Atlantic Records. **Bill Taylor** '94 also bought a place in Brooklyn in 2003. **Nina Morrison** '96 wrote and directed "Muffin Is Evil," a multimedia one-act comedy in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. MWC alums also participated in the hilariously successful production, including **Jamie Askew**, who was the assistant director; **John Miller**, who acted; and **Krista Vossen** '96, who designed the promotional postcards. Other NYC-MWC alums, who came in support, included **Soo Lim**, **Jon Pack**, the newly engaged **George Chase** '94, and **Elizabeth Jones** (transferred in '92).

I apologize to those of you who wrote to my hotmail account — it is no longer active, and I no longer check it. Please note to write me at the address listed above with all your news in the future! It is always quite a treat to hear from you! Thank you all for the news you sent! Please continue to keep in touch.

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From Chelle:

I am happy to report a tremendous response to the Class of 1997 alumni mailing. My inbox was full of names foreign to my e-mail for six-plus years! A huge thanks to everyone who wrote.

We can now call some of our classmates "Doctor." **Amanda O'Brien** earned her Ph.D. in psychology from VCU. Amanda is busy doing a post-doc fellowship at North Shore-LIJ Health System in geriatric psychiatry and lives on the Upper East Side of Manhattan. **Mary Zachary** completed her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in mathematics. Her goal is to teach math at a small liberal arts college. **Allison McWee Newton** is living with her husband in Conover, N.C. **Molly Chisholm Payne** and Mary Zachary both served as bridesmaids for Allison. Molly and her husband, Neil, live in Fredericksburg and have two beautiful boys.

Working toward the title, **Dianna Rowell** completed her master's in clinical psychology at SUNY/Albany and hopes to complete her Ph.D. in 2006. **Justine Schmollinger** lives in San Francisco, where she is earning her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at Pacific Graduate School for Psychology and her J.D. at Golden Gate University School of Law. **Robin Birnbaum** earned her master's degree in engineering and accepted a job as a civil engineer with the town of Prescott Valley, Ariz. **Jennifer Cook** married **Mike D'Ostilio** '98 after meeting through a mutual friend! After their wedding, they honeymooned in Bermuda and now call Bear, Del., home. Jennifer is working on her doctorate in psychology and is doing an internship at the Coatesville Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Pennsylvania. Mike earned his master's at VCU and is working as an instructional supervisor for English and social studies at Gateway High School in New Jersey.

After spending a year studying in Germany on a Rotary scholarship, **Caroline Danforth** decided to pursue an MFA in painting at George Washington University She completed her master's in the spring. She had an exhibition with her boyfriend, also a painter, at Fraser Gallery in the fall. Caroline also works for the cultural affairs division of Arlington County, where she is involved with both the public art and community art programs.

Erica Van Coverden Rule completed her master's in marine affairs and policy at the University of Miami's Rosenstiel School for Marine and Atmospheric Science. She spent six months in D.C. as an intern for the Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education and is back in Miami working as outreach and public relations coordinator for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Atlantic oceanographic and meteorological laboratory. Erica married Lance Rule in November in a beautiful Miami Beach ceremony. **Erin FitzGerald** served as one of Erica's bridesmaids. Erica and Lance honeymooned in Hawaii.

Karen Aiello Pettini lives in Bourges, France, and teaches business English to French business people. Karen married Florent in a December 2003 ceremony in New York. **Jessica Ranero**, **Maria Cole**, **Heather Baum**, **Jackie Concodora**, **Hank Elliot**, **Jon Cordone** and **Eric Gaffen** were all in attendance at Karen's wedding. Eric, who lives in Boston, is getting married in August. He works at Liberty Mutual Insurance as an HR consultant. **Shannon Wergley Faure** and her husband have moved back to the United States from Paris. They toured Switzerland and Italy before leaving Europe for their move to Laguna Niguel, Calif. Shannon is teaching high-school art, and her husband is doing cancer research for a biotech company.

Cynthia Owen lives in Austin, Texas, and is planning a wedding on a warm, tropical beach in late 2004. **Chris Turner** and Aaron Yeats are planning their September 2004 wedding in Virginia. Chris is the mid-Atlantic regional manager for Chubb Insurance Personal Appraisal. **Jin Wong** continues to work for the Kansas City Royals as manager of baseball operations and was preparing for his May 2004 wedding. **Tanya Najarian** married Kevork Juskalian in May. The ceremony was in D.C., and the reception in Tysons Corner. Tanya and Kev met at their place of work, Booz Allen Hamilton. **Mike Paolino** '98 and Diane Finnegan had a June wedding date.

Helenor "Hellie" Snyder is living in Seattle and became engaged over the holidays. Hellie and **Bernadette Russell** were bridesmaids in **Kari Kulow**'s April wedding. Kari and her fiancé, Jeff, live in Anchorage and were married on Mount Alyeska. **Marcie Pierson** is working as a reference librarian in Leesburg, Va. **Jennifer Ita** lives in Gainesville and teaches reading recovery for the Prince William schools. Marcie and Jennifer explored the North Island of New Zealand last summer and enjoyed the breathtaking landscapes and the friendly people. **Jason Terril** took a family trip to Europe and really enjoyed Italy and Austria.

After graduating from U.Va. Law School in 2000, **Zack Ward** practiced as an associate with Arnall Golden Gregory LLP in Atlanta, Ga., where **Lucina "Luke" Sbarra** and **Stacy Dewalt** '96 also practice. Zack accepted an in-house counsel position with GlaxoSmithKline in Research Triangle Park, N.C., and is moving to North Carolina with his wife, **Becky Nelson Ward**. Becky has taught elementary school in Charlottesville, Va., and Cobb County, Ga., where she was serving as an instructional team leader. Becky and Zack's move to North Carolina is not their only big change. Becky is expecting their first child this summer. **Cecilia Kane Gagner** graduated from Boston University School of Law. Cecilia and her husband, **Jeremy Gagner** '98, are the proud parents of two boys. Jeremy works as a vice president for the Weathervane, a New England seafood restaurant chain.

Elizabeth Rodriguez Ortner married Michael in July. After their honeymoon on Kauai, Elizabeth and Michael returned to their home in Falls Church. **Sarah Meyrowitz** married Rachel Martin Meytin in August. **Stephanie O'Connor Shockley** and **Colleen Minion-Pierce** were in attendance. Sarah and Rachel adopted two kittens, Santa and Clara. Sarah is busy working on her rabbinic thesis on the "Laws on Gifts to the Poor" and is looking forward to being ordained a rabbi in the spring.

Dan Tobin, now Brother Patrick, is in his first year of the Dominican Novitiate. He completed his doctoral thesis and is now immersing himself in the pillars of Dominican life: prayer, study, community and preaching.

Katie O'Leary Preston and **Ryan Preston** moved into a gorgeous home in Arlington. **Hilario Ellis** '98 is working for Deltek in Virginia and often travels to Florida for work. **Anne "Ally" Serio** lives in Irvington, Va., and works for the Virginia Institute of Marine Sciences near Williamsburg.

Mary Jean Figel had a May 2003 wedding to Dr. Brian Day. **Amy Lapasota Miles**, **Robin Kozic** and **Cara Fitzpatrick** served as Mary Jean's bridesmaids. Amy has her hands full with 1-year-old Davin. Robin married Peter Martignoni last July. They bought a home in Atlantic Highlands, N.J., and are very busy fixing it up. Robin is also attending Rutgers Graduate School of Education, where she is pursuing her master's of education with a specialization in reading. **Jennifer Lapasota** '94 is getting married in August.

Alison McEvoy is marrying Jeff Rehn in September. Allison met Jeff through her best friend and college roommate, **Amy Mannion**, who went to high school with Jeff. Amy is in her second year at Western Connecticut State University, pursuing her master's degree in educational psychology, and continues to work in the field.

Ken Stout and his wife, **Maria Webb Stout** '95, had a very busy year. They bought their first home in Spotsylvania and adopted Peter Nkosinathi from Johannesburg, South Africa. Ken serves on the staff of Grace Church of Fredericksburg, leading their ministry to MWC students. Prior to their adoption of Peter, Maria was working as the community coordinator for the Fredericksburg Christian Health Center, a clinic serving the needy of Fredericksburg.

Brad Burch and **Jody Tanner Burch** '98 are expecting their first child. Brad and Jody built a new home outside of Richmond, where Brad works as a computer programmer for Carmax. **Julie Keefe Fusaro** and **Jason Fusaro** '98 are expecting their second daughter. **Holly Bebyn-Burns** and **David Burns** announced the arrival of a beautiful baby girl, Katherine Rose Burns. Katherine surprised Holly and Dave with a birthday a month earlier then expected, but she is doing well and growing very fast despite her small beginnings. **Jackie Curry Todaro** and Jim gave their daughter, Courtney, a baby brother, Jeremy Edward Pellegrino.

Tara St. John Cantwell and her husband, TJ, announced the arrival of Thomas Evan in June 2003. **Myon Mulhare Valentino** bought a house in South Carolina, where she lives with her husband and sons Michael and Colin. **Brooke Catlett** is the assistant principal of an elementary school in York, Va. **Anne D. Mason Timberlake** is an elementary school teacher in Powhatan, Va. She is the proud mother of Trey and is pregnant with her second child.

Orland Gaithe lives in Celebration, Fla., and works for Space Gateway Support at NASA's Kennedy Space Center. Orland and his family love Florida and live within earshot of Disney's fireworks. Orland said that working for NASA has been like a childhood dream come true. He loves watching the launches from his office and is working very hard to return the shuttle fleet to flight status.

Pamela Rinehart Lepold married Michael in November. **Jennifer Barnes Keller** was Pamela's matron of honor. Pamela and Michael live in Burke, Va., where Pamela is a wedding photographer. Jennifer married Lt. Scott Keller, a Navy pilot, in June 2002. Pamela was a bridesmaid. Jennifer and Scott live in Southern Maryland, where Jennifer teaches Spanish.

Kate Dube, **Kirsten Franklin**, **Shannon Peterson** and **Mandy Thompson** met for their fifth annual reunion in Seattle, Wash., where Kirsten is a Peace Corps recruiter. Kirsten lives with **Pete Temple** '96, and they are recovering from their *MWC Today* cover story celebrity. Kate is a writer and lecturer at the University of New Hampshire and is still recuperating from last spring's collapse of New Hampshire's Old Man of the Mountains. Shannon is at Oregon State University working on her master's degree in environmental science and trying to break into the ultimate Frisbee scene. Mandy recently left her communications position at a San Francisco law firm and moved to D.C. for graduate school in public administration and gerontology. **Matt Paxton** launched his own company, Paxton's Sandal Saver. You can read about Matt's company or buy his sandal sanitizer at www.paxtoniscool.com. **Sarah Long**, who lives in Jackson, Wyo., had a strong excuse for missing the Seattle reunion — she was fighting wild fires in Montana.

Ann "Anabeth" Guthrie is enjoying her new position at the National Gallery of Art in D.C. Laura and **Dave Wrubel** are living in D.C., and seeing the world. **Alanna Weaver** manages Merck's Web sites and continues to see the world, adding Berlin to her growing list of places visited. **Jason Tootell** married Rhodaline Rebano in November, and they live in a southern suburb of Philadelphia. Jason is working for Apex Systems, and Rhoda is busy finishing medical school.

Jennifer Repella Shelton and **Bob Shelton** are busy raising their daughter, Alexa Gwen. Alexa, who is reported to look just like Bob, is dearly loved by her aunts, **Meighan Cutler**, **Jessica Edmiston Forsythe**, **Pamela Ellison Barr** and **Sarah Burgess Hall**. Bob and Jen have been house hunting for a bigger home in Loudoun County. Bob is an account executive for Enterprise Fleet Services in Rockville, Md. Jen is pursuing her master's in health sciences from George Washington University while she continues working as a clinical research associate for the IOMAI Corporation in Gaithersburg, Md., monitoring international clinical studies. **Chris Bechtler** married Laura in 2002. Chris earned his master's of music from JMU and is teaching at Fort Chiswell High School in Wythe County, Va. **Jennifer McCarthy** married Chaz Weaver, a geotechnical engineer, in October after his surprise proposal at Yankee Stadium.

John Bowman and **Christina Avery Bowman** '94 live in Boston with their three children, Cooper, Bryce and Avery. They were expecting their fourth child this spring. John works in the investment management industry as a portfolio manager for international equities. John, Christina and their family spend summers on Cape Cod at a vacation cottage they bought in Falmouth. **Justin Gerbereux** and **Allison Coleman Gerbereux** '96 bought a home outside of Baltimore, where they are raising their daughter, Riley Anne. Justin works as a high yield analyst for T. Rowe Price and earned his MBA from Darden. **Abigail Baird** married Alan Bartley in Corolla, N.C. **Elise Balkin**, **Melinda DelVishio**, **Susan Lee** and **Susan McCallister Walker** were all in attendance. Abby lives in Roanoke, Va., where she works for the American Cancer Society as a cancer control manager.

I continue to make seeing the world my priority, although the weak dollar and multitude of weddings I attend have me visiting places a little closer to the home front. I visited Washington state for the first time, seeing **Kira Stchur Gerasimon** and Colleen Minion-Pierce on my visit. After traveling to Oahu and Kauai with my husband, Wade Van House, we decided to visit again, adding Maui to our island itinerary. We also visited Las Vegas, with the highlight of our trip being a helicopter ride to the floor of the Grand Canyon. I am proudly serving as the maid of dishonor along with fellow bridesmaid **Kate Lulfs Ehrle** in the wedding of **Julie Newell** and **Nathan Leslie** '94. Wade and I did some major renovations on our house in Minnesota this year, and this East Coast girl is starting to really feel at home. If you ever find yourself in Minnesota, give us a call — we would love to show you the Mall of America and a lake or two.

From Amy:

Congratulations to **Richard** '85 and Kate Lulfs Ehrle — 2003 brought them a new house and a new baby! Christian Franz Ehrle was born in November in Fredericksburg. I attended Kate's baby shower and was able to catch up with **Katherine "Beth" Moss Burke** '98 and Julie Newell, who was busy planning her upcoming wedding.

Congrats also to **Margaret Johnson Gillard**, who married her high-school sweetheart, Tom, in 1998. They bought a row house on Capitol Hill and have been renovating/restoring the 120-year-old home. In July 2003, they welcomed their delightful daughter, Ellenor Kathryn. Margaret planned to start her own interior design business on Capitol Hill in early 2004. Also helping with the baby boom are **Amy Ney Zaidman** and her husband, Craig, who had a little boy in November 2003. **Christin Daniels Minter** and her husband, Chris, were expecting a boy in early February. **Marisa Franzitta Christensen** and her husband, Neil, were expecting in April.

Nicole Nash Davis is the mother of two little girls, Paris and Hayley. Nicole earned her master's degree in 1999 from Vanderbilt University and works as a speech-language pathologist for a national healthcare company. In 2000, she married Henry Davis III, a 1997 U.Va. graduate. They have moved from their first house into a new custom-built home. She said life is busy yet great.

Stefanie Herron is a third-year doctoral candidate at the U. of Del. She expects to finish her Ph.D. in English with a concentration in 20th-century American literature this August. Stefanie has taught several literature and writing classes at the University of Delaware and at VCU, where she earned her master's, as well as poetry workshops through the Delaware Division of the Arts. She received a fellowship from the UD department of English, which has also given her the Excellence in Teaching Award. After teaching British literature at UD last semester, she plans to work full time on her dissertation, "Willa Cather's Argument with Modernism." Stefanie and her husband, Ian Smith, were married in June 2002 and live in Caroline County, Virginia.

Ginger Newnam earned her MBA from UNC's Kenan-Flagler Business School in May 2003. **Cheryl Duckworth** is working on her Ph.D. in international conflict resolution at ICAR/George Mason. She lives in Alexandria after finishing her M.A. in English lit at Oxford University in England.

Our thoughts are with Laura and **Dave Wrubel** for the loss of Laura's mother in October after a battle with cancer.

Old Town Alexandria continues to be a harbinger of MWC grads! I ran into **Matt Sutter** and **Sarah Fry** at the parade on St. Patrick's Day. Cameron Street holds the key to recently graduated law students — I've seen both **Jon Cordone** and **Stephen Charnoff** '99 on the same block at different times.

Susan Lee moved to Manhattan, Kan., with boyfriend Monte last summer. She said they bought a great house in town, and "I have my Mary Washington flag proudly hanging outside. Despite all the stereotypes (ruby red slippers, tornadoes, landscape as flat as a pancake), Kansas is a wonderful state! I know now why the phrase 'There's no place like home' originated in a Kansas story." Susan works in Topeka for the Kansas Water Office as an environmental scientist.

My former suitemate, **Crystal Bulges**, moved to new digs in August and is still the busy attorney. Last May, **Dianna Rowell** visited D.C. with her boyfriend and a lot of international friends. The couple spent New Year's Eve in Florida but were brought back to reality when they returned to the below-zero weather of Albany.

Best wishes to **Robert Edwards**, who married fellow MWC alum **Tara Mallon** '98 last September. They had been living in Herndon, but were about to move to Wilmington, N.C. Robert has two screenplays to his credit and has finished the first edit of his first novel, *The Tides of Time*. We'll keep our fingers crossed!

Also moving about the East Coast was **Rob Clark**, who returned to Virginia after spending time in Pennsylvania. He moved from Pittsburgh in July 2002 after having gone back to graduate school to get his certification in school counseling at Duquesne University. Rob went to grad school at the University of Pittsburgh following graduation from MWC to get his master's degree in social work. After graduating in 1999, he finished the counseling program at Duquesne in May 2002. Rob now lives in Falls Church and is in his second year as a school counselor at George Mason High School and is also in his second year as the head freshman football coach and assistant varsity coach. His freshman team was undefeated last fall, finishing with a 7-0 record. Rob said that he's extremely happy in his job, which is a change from his previous job as a family therapist at a psychiatric hospital.

Moving a little further away — to Las Vegas — is **Matt Michaelson**, who transferred in May 2003 to represent his company, CACI, as a lead systems analyst. He's also teaching physical geography at the local community college. Also out west is **Chris Crone**, who is in San Francisco teaching fourth and fifth grades. His route to California was a long one. From Fredericksburg, he migrated to Richmond, where he taught children with emotional disturbances in a psychiatric hospital, and later he pursued his master's in education (May 2001). He then decided to "pack what I could in my car and drive across the country to see what I could see." Chris ended up in California and relaxed for the summer in Los Angeles with MWC graduates and newlyweds **Marty** and **Meredith Wolfe Molloy** '99. After trying his hand as a social worker for foster children and families for about a year and a half, he is happy teaching. He's taken a few trips back east to see our beautiful MWC campus and the fountain, the statue of James Farmer, and the relocated psych suite, where he ran into Dave Kolar and Dr. Moeller.

Sharen Johnson moved last October with her husband, son and father-in-law into a new home in Aquia Harbor in Stafford and enjoys fixing up the new place. For more than three years, Sharen has been working with Prince William County as a management analyst. When not working, she loves spending time with her purebred Arabian horse — her graduation present to herself in 1997! She said she'd love to go back to Mary Washington for a master's someday. Sharen's twin sister has undergone a bout with ovarian cancer, and she urges all women to be advocates for their own health!

Last June, **Ben** and **Stephanie Johnson Martin** moved from Northern Virginia to Richmond after Ben landed a job with the Virginia Society of CPAs. They bought a house and love life.

Amanda Neptune Bridges still lives in Tacoma, Wash., where she has been for almost four years, though she and her Air Force pilot husband expect to be transferred soon. She teaches third grade and plays clarinet with a local symphonic band. She writes that **Colette Strawn Johnson** and her husband, **Michael Johnson** '96, bought a house in Centreville, Va. **Stephanie Rooney** lives in New York City and is a seamstress. **Amy Brown** lives in Midlothian and teaches preschool to special education students. Recently engaged **Mie Carter** teaches in Fairfax. **Aryn Diggle** '98 moved to London last summer. **Kellie Sweeney** lives in St. Louis, where she's based as a flight attendant for American Airlines. Amanda ran into **Paola Ramirez** at Dulles a year ago. Paola was living in the Denver area with **Clare Freckman Johnson**.

Ken Allen lives in Portland, Ore., with his wife, Katie. He teaches high-school students with learning disabilities and loves it! Katie and Ken both have summers off (she is a school social worker), so they are planning a month-long trek through the Canadian Rockies and a two-week paddle through the Boundary Waters this summer. In addition, he said he has been hiking and gardening like a maniac and thoroughly enjoys Pacific Northwest living. Coincidentally, he lives two blocks from **Pam Ellison Barr**, and he reported that last summer her rowing team kicked butt in the dragon boat races during the annual Rose Festival. She is working in the health care industry and is very happy. **Dave Camporesi** '98 still loves life in Syracuse, though he is plotting an escape to San Diego as soon as he finishes his master's degree. He has been spending most of his free time working on his house and tending to his beehives. Ken also reported that **Hank Elliot** is working for the National Park Service in New Orleans. **Jeff Seaman** is still working for Rydex-funds in D.C., and is still "unsuccessfully supporting the University of Md. basketball team." Ken said that **Mike Hurt** is traveling all over the world for GIS contract work.

As for me, there has been a lot of excitement. Last June, my boyfriend, Craig Evanego, and I moved to Burke and have spent time making our townhouse into our home. We drove up to Cape Cod for an extended week and have traveled back and forth to Pennsylvania to visit his family. We're both still working on our master's degrees at George Mason but will have a new topic to study this semester: wedding planning! We became engaged on New Year's Eve and are planning a fall 2004 wedding in northern Virginia. It was a fun way to "ring" in 2004! And I ran into my freshman year suitemate, **Sarah Fry**, again at a bridal show — she and Dave are also planning a fall wedding. Exhibiting at that show was former MWC *Bullet* photographer, **Karen Pearlman** '00, who now has her own photography business in Fredericksburg. She was proudly showing the wedding photos of another beautiful bride, **Suzy Hayes** '00.

Thanks to all of you for the wonderful response to our postcard mailing — there were a lot of first-time contributors. Keep the updates coming!

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I hope that this finds you all safe and sound. I am finishing another year in the 'Burg. As many of you know, I did not intend to be here this year, but things fell through, and here I am. I continue to teach fourth grade in Spotsylvania and am working to get my endorsement in teaching the gifted and talented. I look forward to our five-year reunion. Please stay in touch.

Congrats to the following classmates who have recently, or will soon, tie the knot. **Kristin Ruhl**'s wedding to Lee Bergstrom in Corolla, N.C., occurred in May 2004. **Jason Gleason** married Jessica Baker in January 2003. Jason continues to reside in D.C., and works for Sen. Paul Sarbanes. **Sarah Petty** and **Chris Rice** '98 said "I do" in Fredericksburg last October and followed with a honeymoon to London and Paris. The couple reside in Alexandria, where Sarah is the youth audiences coordinator at Hillwood Museum and Gardens, and Chris is an actuary at Geico. **Laura Reilly** married Sam Lewis last September. **Julia McPhilomy** and **Lindsey Morgan** were both bridesmaids in the wedding. The couple honeymooned in Hawaii and will take up residence in Norfolk, where Laura will continue to be an investigator. Lindsey was married in November 2003. Julie and **Hien Truong** were bridesmaids for her. **Heather Woody** recently moved to Richmond to accept an operations manager position with BB&T. She met Travis Snead, her fiancé, and set this month as a wedding date. **Chris Fines** is married and lives in Richmond, as well. He works as a financial advisor with AXA.

Paul Junod and **Jennifer Amrhein** were married last September and live in Columbia, Md. Paul is a restaurant manager, and Jennifer is working on her master's at Johns Hopkins. **Aby Johnson** married Blake Bethem last October. They co-own the Bistro 309 in downtown Fredericksburg. **Sofia Johannson** was married in Sweden last July to Nate Kelly. **Chris Weigand** married Todd Price on Solomon's Island in Maryland last June. They reside in Richmond, where Chris is teaching fifth grade and working on her master's at VCU. **Jennifer Flynn** and **Jeremy Duval** were married and spent their honeymoon in Rio de Janeiro. They continue to live and work in San Diego. More congratulations go out to the following couples who were married recently, but for whom I don't have specifics: **Matt White** and **Jamie Lacaria**; **Jay Hartey** and **Jenn McGrainer**; **Brenna Fach** and **Jim Snyder**; and **Jarrett Whitlow** '01 and **Courtney Smith**. Without all of these weddings, I don't know that I would have much to write. Again, congrats to all of you, and good luck in the future.

Corey Sell graduated from U.Va. with his M.Ed. and loves teaching fourth grade in Northern Virginia. **Jenny Phillips Turner** recently ran in the D.C. Marathon. She and her husband **Brian** '00 live in Swansboro, N.C., where Jenny teaches second grade and loves every minute of it! Jenny wanted to thank all of those who supported her via e-mail while Brian was away.

Janet Oldis continues to work with JetBlue as a benefits analyst. **Emily Buchanan** works at Dahlgren as a mathematician. She and her husband had their first child in November. **Gina Desantis Shaw** and her husband, Carter, had their first child in March. **Callie Owen** lives in Northern Virginia and is working on her master's. **Gina Cumbo** lives outside of Charlotte, N.C., and **Holly Blanton** lives outside of New York City.

Anne Elliott Blane Wootten lives in Georgia with her husband, Brad, and is in nursing school. **Alex Panek**, still recruiting for MedStaff, moved to Arlington, Va., to live with **John Thibodeau** and **Jim Archy**. **Marty** and **Meredith Wolfe Malloy** still live outside of Los Angeles. Marty is working on his master's at Cal State/Northridge and works with the Los Angeles GAIN Welfare-to-Work program. Meredith is certified as a fundraising and development professional and was promoted to vice president of development at the Child and Family Center. **Julie McPhilomy** has continued to fly all over the United States (and not just to be in weddings), while living in Chicago.

Jeanine Boeke is still in Minneapolis working on her master's in professional counseling as well as neuro linguisting programming and hypnosis. **Nate Pipke** is traveling around Virginia, D.C. and Maryland with the music group "Almost Recess." **Jimmy Rhodes** lives with **Matt Baecker** in Alexandria, Va., where he is hard at work with the American Diabetes Association. **Lisa Mueller** is almost finished with her M.Ed. at U.Va. in Charlottesville. **Sabrina Carlson** is living in Burlington, Vt., and finishing her master's in historic preservation.

Dara Zitzman is at Penn finishing her master's, also in historic preservation. **Jim Agnew** has moved to Punta Gorda, Fla., to become the director of the drama department at Charlotte High School. **Steve Charnoff** graduated from law school with honors and is practicing law with a firm in Old Towne Alexandria. At the time of publishing, he was eagerly awaiting the results of his bar exam. **Erin Higgins** lives in Boston, earned her independent clinical social work license and continues to work with the adult mentally ill. Hien Truong lives in Chicago and works with Bally Gaming and Systems while traveling the Midwest.

Thanks for all of the updates. Please keep them coming! Be aware that e-mail usually is better than snail mail.

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Your class agents are still pleased to be serving you and keeping you updated on everyone else, but have also been busy themselves. **Kedron Bullock** is finally finishing law school and has been offered a position in Virginia Beach, her hometown, after she takes the Virginia bar exam. **Teresa Joerger Mannix** is still working at MWC and is also attending George Mason for a master's degree in news and information management. **Caroline Jarvis** recently moved to Arlington, Va., and is director of development for a small private school in Alexandria. She also is pursuing her master's degree at George Mason.

The class of 2001 has been busy this year, starting families, establishing careers, finishing school and just moving on with life in general. Many of our former classmates are beginning families of their own. **Melissa Rosegrant** married **Marc Williams** '98 in January. She is an evaluation research specialist with SERVE at UNC-Greensboro. **Carolyn Leskowitz** married Jon Woodham in April and continues teaching individuals with autism in Maryland while also working on her master's in special education at Johns Hopkins. **Sarah Seale** married **Chuck Rau** '00 in October 2003 and is attending nursing

school at VCU. **Beth Hovestad** and **Ryan Smith** were married in July 2003 and reside in Philadelphia. Ryan is working at Morgan Stanley on the trading floor and Beth is teaching and working on her master's in education. **Lori Clemons** married in summer 2003 and resides in North Carolina. **Brooke Dunbar** married **Peter Squire** '02 in October 2003. Congratulations to all of the newlyweds.

Let's not forget those who are soon to be newlyweds. **Jonathan Williams** and **Erin Pickens** became engaged last August and plan to get married in June 2005. Both Jon and Erin are taking the Virginia bar exam in July 2004 after they graduate from Quinnipiac University School of Law. **Emily Sutliff** recently got engaged to Ryan Bagley, and the two plan a September 2004 wedding. Emily teaches preschool in Boston. **Kimberly Mycko** became engaged to a former U.S. Marine, and they plan an August 2004 wedding. **Kelli Kramer** and **Joe Petrick** are planning a September 2004 wedding at Rocky Gap State Park and will both finish graduate school this spring. **Christine Yerg** got engaged and moved to Colorado. **Eric Richko** got engaged over the holidays and is planning a July 2004 wedding in Poland, his fiancée's home. The two will live in New York after the wedding. Congratulations to all of those recently engaged.

Congratulations go to **Crystal Santerre Funderburg** and her husband, who are expecting their first child in August 2004, and to **Jessica Moore** '02 and her husband, who had a baby girl, Caroline Grace, in January 2003.

Many of us are still in school. **Sheri Asbeil** is finishing her first year of law school at Florida Coastal School of Law in Jacksonville. **Katie Laskey** also finished her first year of law school at Cleveland State University. **Catherine Saifer** finished law school at Arizona State University in December 2003 and is studying for the February bar exam. **Alysia McLain** took a break from graduate school to work as an intern at the Juneau-Douglas City Museum in Juneau, Alaska. She also finished her second documentary, "Building a Community from the Ground Up," about Trinity On The Hill Episcopal Church in Los Alamos, N.M. **Jean Turner Katz** graduated in May with an MBA and is working as the assistant director of employer relations at the University of Maine. Jean will also be celebrating her second wedding anniversary this year.

Rachel Sykes is working on her doctor of pharmacy degree at the University of Connecticut School of Pharmacy. **Matthew Hunsinger** is working on his master's in cognitive psychology at Illinois State University and plans to begin a doctoral program in cognitive science as soon as he graduates. **Hilary Stebbins** is still living in Providence, R.I., and working on her Ph.D. in experimental psychology at Brown. **Seth Kennard** is working on his master's in administration and supervision at U.Va. while teaching fifth grade in Stafford County. **Tiffany Wooten** is working on her master's in human resources management at Marymount University while also working at CACI, a government contractor in Arlington. **Amy Smith** is in Raleigh, N.C., attending dental hygiene school at UNC-CH. **Corie Tarbet** will start graduate school at George Mason to work on a master of arts in history. He is also teaching at C.D. Hylton High School in its center for international studies and languages and sponsors its model U.N. club. **Ross Brown**, **Becky Gibbons**, and **Dhee-raj Goswami** are all in medical school. Ross and Becky are at MCV, and Dheeraj is at EVMS.

Finally, the rest of us are trying to make a difference in the world. **Kasey McNatt** is an actress in New York and has appeared in off-Broadway shows as well as some independent films. We can all say we knew her when. Kasey lives with **Rebecca Bulas**, who is working as an apparel/fashion buyer for Major League Baseball's online store. The two were fortunate enough to meet Bono at the 2003 Tribeca Film Festival. **Nicole McIntyre** lives in North Carolina and works as a teacher assistant. She is applying for graduate programs in education. **Marie Keith Childress** is working part time as an administrative assistant to an Army chaplain and traveling all over Europe with her husband, who is preparing to participate in Operation Iraqi Freedom II.

Solson Scherman lives in Richmond, works as a market manager for Sherwin-Williams and spends most of his time fixing up his new house. **Sharon "Shari" Wilcox** and **Brian Sweeney** moved to Gaithersburg, Md., where Brian works for U.S. Home, and Shari is working in the species conservation division at Defenders of Wildlife. The two spend their free time traveling. **Maureen McMorrow** lives in Arlington and teaches eighth-grade American history. **Jen Meska** lives in Richmond, works as the store sales manager at The Limited and is starting to pursue her master's in business administration. **Madelyn Marino** started a new job at American Express in New York City in its global talent department doing, as Madelyn puts it,"leadership stuff." **Mike Santay** has been working as the assistant coach for MWC mens baseball.

We hope all of you enjoy the updates. Please keep us posted on all of the exciting things taking place amongst our former classmates. Just e-mail us whenever you have something interesting you want your fellow classmates to know, and we will get it the next edition of *MWC Today*.

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Virginia Atkinson lives and works in London, England, with the BUNAC student-work visa program. While working two part-time jobs and one full-time job, she travels throughout England and Europe as much as she can.

Heather Bishop lives in Reston, Va., and works as a personal assistant for a president of a health care company. Heather and her fiancé, Matthew Schilling, are planning a May 2005 wedding.

In September 2003, **John Chiles** married **Sara Schwind** '02. They purchased a home in Gordonsville, Va., where John works for Culpeper Soil & Water Conservation District, and Sara works for the Association for Investment Management and Research.

Josh Cloudt and **Angie Williamson** '02 were married in December 2003. They live in Charlottesville, Va., where Angie attends the U.Va. urban planning graduate program, and Josh works for Albemarle County Schools.

Patti Dooley is currently living in Stafford, Va. After graduation, **Rebecca Griffith** moved to Bonita Springs, Fla., where she worked for PAT's Kids, a non-profit organization. In January, she began working for the Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) program, a 10-month commitment for 18-to-24-year-olds, during which they will work on projects involving anything from disaster relief to working with inner-city kids. She has been assigned to the northeast region of the United States.

Jeffrey Howard lives in Arlington, Va., and works as a software engineer for Lockheed Martin Co. **Allie Krebs** and **Erik Kochert** '02 were planning to marry this month in Carlisle, Pa., after which they will be honeymooning in Jamaica. Allie is currently studying for her master's in clinical psychology at West Chester University, and Erik is studying for his M.D. at Jefferson Medical College in central Philadelphia while they reside in Media, Pa.

Immediately after graduation, **Jessica Kwerel** moved to Virginia Beach, Va., to be with her boyfriend, Matt Sutermeister, who has finished his final deployment in the Navy on the *USS Theodore Roosevelt*. Jessica is working at Virginia Beach Middle School with sixth-grade special education students. This summer, Jessica and Matt will move back home to Fairfax, Va., after Matt finishes his four-year tour of duty in the Navy.

Shauna Mahony is working as a financial adviser while living in Virginia Beach, Va. After graduation in May, **Matthew Marchione** completed Historic Fredericksburg Foundation's inspections for its easement program, which encompassed 39 properties in Fredericksburg's historic district. Matthew was working and living in Reston, Va. However, he was planning to move to New York this spring.

Christine Eagan, formerly **Christine Meadors**, got married in May and is working on her master's in education at William and Mary for school counseling. Christine and her husband bought a house in Gloucester, Va., and have a yellow lab named Rocky.

Elizabeth Mills and her boyfriend, Vikram, moved last August to Los Angeles, where she is undergoing a three-year program to become a doctor of physical therapy at the University of Southern California. **Jennifer Nisoff** has accepted a position in the Foreign Service as a special agent with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security. She lived in Arlington, Va., where she underwent eight months of training. She has been assigned to the San Francisco field office and moved to California in March. **Christine O'Leary** is working on her master's degree in biology at the University of Delaware. **Laura Sussman** lives in Richmond, Va., where she teaches language arts and Virginia history to fourth-graders at Randolph Elementary School in Goochland County. Last fall, she also coached the JV field hockey team at Atlee High School in Hanover County.

While attending Georgetown University as a graduate student in the Ph.D. program for economics, **Rachel Ungerer** is also a teaching assistant for the undergraduates. Last summer, Rachel and her boyfriend of more than six years got engaged and plan to marry in Jamestown, N.Y., in July. After the wedding, they will be living outside of D.C. In October, Rachel completed the Marine Corps Marathon and planned to run the Boston Marathon in the spring.

This May, **Sarah Wilde** is scheduled to graduate from UNC-G with an M.A. in communication studies theory. She has an assistantship at UNC-G's speaking center. Last semester she worked with members of the Association for Retarded Citizens in Greensboro to help them create and deliver speeches for use when addressing different community groups or members of government. She can be contacted at smwilde@uncg.edu. **Megan Yuenger** is a Peace Corps volunteer in Turkmenistan teaching English to secondary students and teachers. **Willie Zaza** is applying to graduate schools while maintaining his Web site, which publishes humor, short stories, and television and movie reviews.

IN MEMORIAM

Esther Wemyss Chester '20
Fannie Davenport Barnes '24
Margaret Hendrick Elmore '28
Louise Mapp Moore '29
Mabel McGinniss Crismond '31
Carmie Fuller Davis '33
Edna Thomas Chappelle Duggins '35
Dorothy Puckett Siebert '35
Helen Banks Tanner Willoughby '35
Lillie S. Turman '36
Olivia Kearns Clarke '37
Evelyn Nixon Heltzel '38
Jean Plante McCulloch '38
Virginia Meeks Mayo '38
Margery Francis Floyd '39
Belita Brown Broskie '40
Madeline Traina Hewitt '40
Annie Jeter Smith '40
Phyllis Bancroft Meyer '41
Isabel Dickinson Scott '41
R. Irene Lorincz Bode '42
Dorothy D. Owen '42
Geraldine Shepherd Copeland '43
Ruth Mary Miller Gately '43
Julia Watkins Ameen '44
Donna Lorraine Snyder Donovan '44
Sarah Gifford Lee '44
Diana Ciuffreda Custis '45
Beatrice Jones Doss '45
Frances Holsclaw Brown '46
Margaret Drummond Foley '47
Anne Tynes Seward '47
Nancy Jones Thomson '48
Virginia Saunders '49
Diane Trimborn Jessee '50
Winnifred Horton Brock '51
Doris Lorraine Wright Wilson '51
Patricia Fernald Ossenfort '52
Marlene Ashby Stroop '54
Rosa Martin Inge Edmonds '56
Beverly Nash Lawler McClellan '57
Juanita Saunders Puckett '57
Sue Luckett Haynie '58
Vici Rogers Dumont '59
Judith Evans Lord '59
Eleanor Markham Old '59
Katherine Roberts Kendrick '60
Martha Twark Vest '63
Georgia Charuhas McGuire '70
Elaine Harris Davies '74
Elizabeth J. Groene '79
Lynda D. Ruth '90
Carla Lee Rowley '04

Paul C. Slayton Jr., retired education department chairman, and distinguished professor emeritus of education

CONDOLENCES

Barbara Skidmore Sheehan '35, who lost her husband
Eva Catafygiotu Topping, '41, who lost her husband
Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp '45, who lost her husband
Dorothy Arrington Trivett '45, who lost her husband
Meda Overman Hill '47, who lost her husband
Josephine Wilson Hiers '49, who lost her husband
Mary Lyne Kucera Morrissey '50, who lost her husband
Elizabeth Fitzgerald Braden '51, who lost her husband
Helen Crittenden Burrell '51, who lost her husband
Lorraine Frantz Foulds '51, who lost her husband
Hannah Lou Southwell McGowan '51, who lost her husband
Betty Huckstep Cross '57, who lost her husband
Lois Prime Liles '57, who lost her husband
Donna Sheehan Gladis '68, who lost her father
Barbara Burton Micou '69, who lost her mother
Kathryn Thiel '70, who lost her husband
Kathryn Reynolds Willis '70, who lost her mother
Lynne Barden Hensley '74, who lost her mother
Carol Pappas Bartold '75, who lost her mother
Barbara Buchanan Shepherd '75, who lost her mother
Catherine Sherertz Joppich, '80, who lost her mother
Lloyd Martin '81, who lost his father
Theresa Cirrincione Schaffer '81, who lost her mother
Terri Patty Crumpler '83, who lost her mother
Nelly Angela Castano Garza '83, who lost her father
Kelly Gould-Affleck '88, who lost her father
Rebecca Taber-Conover '95, who lost her father

Listed incorrectly in the "In Memoriam" section of the last issue of Mary Washington College Today *was Lynn Barden Hensley '74. The listing should have reported that Mrs. Hensley lost her mother. Members of the Class of 1974 have already received notices of the correction, and the correct listing appears in this issue. We sincerely regret the error.*

The new fitness center opened in February.

— AN APPRECIATION —

PAUL C. SLAYTON JR.
1930 – 2004

BY WILLIAM B. CRAWLEY JR.

All teachers have great potential influence on their students, but none more so than those who teach others how to teach, since their influence is increased exponentially through the subsequent careers of their students. Few teachers in the history of the Commonwealth likely have exercised more extensive, or more positive, influence upon Virginia education than did Paul C. Slayton Jr., during his 30-year career in the Mary Washington College Department of Education.

The holder of a doctorate in education from the University of Virginia, Slayton served as an elementary-school principal in both Orange and Charlottesville before joining the MWC faculty in 1965. During the next three decades prior to his retirement as distinguished professor emeritus in 1995, including 16 years as department chair, he was largely responsible for designing and developing the College's education program.

In so doing, he was guided by one fundamental belief — namely, that in order to be an effective teacher, one must be firmly grounded in the subject matter being taught. While such a notion might seem a truism, it was in fact somewhat heretical within an education establishment that, when Slayton began his career, was primarily concerned with instruction in the *techniques* of teaching. At his insistence, Mary Washington's education program required students to complete a disciplinary major while simultaneously taking sufficient education courses to meet state certification standards. According to William Helton, former head of the state's Division of Teacher Education and Certification, the MWC process yielded such outstanding teachers that it eventually became the norm among Virginia's teacher-preparation programs.

Slayton also spent countless hours offering courses off-campus and in the evenings to enable teachers to stay current with the latest research and trends in their teaching fields. In addition to his extensive involvement in educational enterprises, he was a voracious reader who deeply loved literature — Faulkner in particular — and a perceptive student of history who somehow managed to find time to write a textbook on Virginia history that still is used in the public schools.

It was not merely his professional accomplishments that endeared him to colleagues and students alike, but his capacious appetite for life. For example, he was at one time a semi-pro football player, and he retained an interest in sports, especially the Washington Redskins — at least until recent years when their ineptness eroded even his generous patience. A devoted family man, he found much pleasure in the times spent with his wife Ann (who herself had a long association with MWC), and his sons Paul Jr. and Roderic, and their families. He also loved to travel, and particularly enjoyed Lithuania, which he visited several times in his later career.

Two special passions, not unrelated, were historic preservation and democratic politics — both the capital D and lower-case varieties. Those twin interests bore tangible results in his successful efforts to preserve important landmarks in the town of Orange, where he and Ann retired.

Always an activist, Slayton maintained a particular commitment to the defense of First Amendment rights, frequently rising to attack suspected infringements upon those rights, whether at the College, in the public schools, or in the community. Ardent in his beliefs, yet polite in his presentation of them, he was ever a gentleman, devoid of the vitriol that sometimes afflicts those of similarly passionate demeanor. A person of unflagging and unfeigned friendliness, he was a hard man to dislike.

Perhaps Slayton's most salient and guiding quality was his basic optimism — a characteristic that he himself alluded to in the autobiography that he undertook in retirement. Even as he suffered from the cancer that would eventually claim his life, he wrote that he "always expected tomorrow to be the best day yet — and I haven't been wrong once .... So, I am looking forward to a new adventure, a new experience, and, I trust," he added with typical Slayton wryness, "a good research library."

When Paul Slayton died on Feb. 6, 2004, he left a permanent and positive institutional imprint on Mary Washington College through his restructuring and revitalization of the education program. But his greater, and more vibrant, legacy resides in his influence upon those students whom he taught and through whose careers will be perpetuated and magnified his own love of learning — and of his fellow human beings.

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